



PET PARADE

HUMANE SOCIETY OF GREATER MIAMI ADOPT-A-PET

APRIL 2012

PAWPURRAZZI 2012: A DOG-GONE SUCCESS!



Top row: Sandy Batchelor, Jon and Nancy Batchelor; Bottom row: Pat and Milton Wallace



Christopher Bastian, Kateri with Skipper, Bunny Bastian, Holt Boink, Marika Boink with King, Sean Bastian

Ann Rubino, and Juan Lopez, Vice President and General Manager at Saks Fifth Avenue, Dadeland, for putting together the fabulous silent auction. Everything in the auction was top-of-the-line.

Pat also acknowledged the generosity of the many other celebrity walkers, including Penny and Roe Stamps; Dr. Fredric S. Brandt; Marisa Cisneros-Rizzon and Marcos Rizzon; Emily Damiano; Yvonne and Chas Eldredge; Christina and Rob Hudson; Mary Ann and Sherrill Hudson; Irene Korge; Linda and Patrick McEnany; Ann and Frank Rubino; and Maggie and Jorge Villacampa, just to name a few. The Dipolmats and Doggie Darlings celebrity walkers were also recognized and thanked.

The evening started with a cocktail reception filled with activities for both two-legged and four-legged guests. Dogs were treated to makeovers, a Purina treat bar, and caricature artists. Their owners munched on an array of comfort-type hors d'oeuvres; the food was non-stop. Cocktails were provided by Bacardi and the wine was

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Under the leadership of Bone-afide Chairmen, Pat and Milton Wallace and Bunny Bastian, this amazing event soared to new heights

Just when you thought that Pawpurrazzi, which is in its 4th year as a major gala, can't get any better, it does! The 2012 event came in like a lion and roared all night. The excitement and fun never stopped. Pawpurrazzi is such a "paw-some" event due to the talent and dedication of Chairmen Pat and Milton Wallace and Bunny Bastian. With the help of their Co-Chairmen, Marisa Cisneros-Rizzon and Ann Rubino, the event is being talked about as "the best in town."

The event brought more than 500 VIPs with their furry companions together at Jungle Island. (It seemed that every luminary in town was there.) Pawpurrazzi is the only event in the country where the dogs are the stars and the people are the accessories! The event raised over \$500,000 and six shelter dogs were adopted that evening who will now live in forever, loving homes.

Pat thanked everyone for coming and supporting Pawpurrazzi and gave special thanks to new Golden Hall of Fame inductees Sandy, Jon and Nancy Batchelor representing The Batchelor Foundation, the "Top Dogs and Best in Show" for three consecutive years. She recognized South Motors and Charles and Fanny Dascal for being the Presenting Sponsor for the third year; Nora Bulnes as the Honorary Chairman; and Marisa Cisneros-Rizzon,



Dr. Fredric Brandt with Surya, Tyler, and Benji



Marisa Cisneros-Rizzon and Marcos Rizzon



Ann and Frank Rubino with Missy



Fanny, with Luky, mascot for South Motors, Charles Dascal, Karla Dascal

Right: Maggie Villacampa, Senior Vice President, Private Client Advisor of U.S. Trust, Gabriella Sophia Villacampa, Samantha Mormile with adoptable dogs



Nora Bulnes



Roe and Penny Stamps with Ella

Mission Statement

The Humane Society of Greater Miami Adopt-A-Pet is dedicated to placing every dog and cat in our care into a loving home, and to promoting responsible pet ownership and spay/neuter programs.



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Animal Lovers,

It is a great honor to have been elected as Chairman of the Board of the Humane Society of Greater Miami. Giving back to the community is an important part of my life. As a long time advocate for abandoned and homeless animals, it is both satisfying and rewarding to now lead an organization whose mission I so strongly support.

Our mission to find homes for all the animals in our care has been challenged by difficult economic times. Owners who can no longer afford to care for their pets continue to drop them off at our shelter, and other shelters around the community, in record numbers. In addition to the 200 animals that are surrendered directly to us monthly, we rescue 100 animals a month from Miami-Dade Animal Services. As an adoption guarantee organization, we will find loving homes for each of these pets, no matter how long it takes.

An important goal of our Humane Society is to end our community's pet overpopulation problem and the birth of unwanted animals. To meet this challenge we performed more than 10,000 spay/neuter surgeries last year. We are currently raising funds to add an additional surgical suite to our North Miami Beach clinic which will increase the number of spay/neuter surgeries by an additional 5,000 annually. We also spay/neuter ALL of our animals before they are available for adoption.

As an organization that is not funded by the government, we rely solely on the generosity of our community to support our mission. Funds are raised through private donations, grants, and fundraising events, the most notable being Pawpurrazzi. As Chairwoman of the event for the last four years, this event has grown in stature as well as monies raised. It is an evening of great fun, good food, exciting auctions, and extraordinary people and dog watching. Pawpurrazzi 2012 brought in more than \$500,000 and six dogs were adopted from the shelter. Mark your calendars for the next Pawpurrazzi: **Friday, January 25, 2013.**

As an organization, we must reach for the stars, catch as many as we can, and defy the obstacles in order to help more and more animals. We appreciate your financial donations, attendance at our events, adoption of our animals, and your belief in responsible pet ownership.

On behalf of my fellow members of the Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, and our tireless staff, thank you for your generosity. We couldn't fulfill our mission without your continued support!

Sincerely,

Pat Wallace
Chairman, Board of Directors



Pat Wallace, Chairman
of Board of Directors

Donate Online

To help the animals today, go to
www.humanesocietymiami.org
and click the donate button.

The Humane Society of Greater Miami is a private, not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that prides itself on its limited admit/adoption guarantee philosophy. Because we take care of all pets surrendered to us for as long as it takes to find them loving homes, we unfortunately often cannot accept new animals until the ones we have are adopted. The more we adopt, the more we save!

Your understanding and support of our mission is very important to us - help us spread the word about adoptions and donate today so we can carry on our mission! Financial support for the Humane Society of Greater Miami programs and services is provided solely by donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations.

WE ARE "MUTTS" OBLIGED!

We are "mutts" obliged for all the children and adults that help the animals throughout the year. For tips on what you can do to help if you are too young to volunteer at the shelter, visit the volunteer section on our website for helpful hints: www.humanesocietymiami.org.

Ashley, Sophia and Olympia baked cookies to raise money for the animals. The girls told us: "We all decided to do something for animals because we love them. The bake sale we thought would be fun because we love to bake and selling the cookies is easy because – well, who doesn't like cookies! Donating made us feel good. We liked knowing we could make a difference." **Thanks girls!!**



Ashley Blum, Sophia Lacovelli and Olympia Beracasa

If you are a business and would like to give your employees time to help the animals, please contact Aileen at aileen@humanesocietymiami.org. We love our corporate volunteers!



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Many thanks to Jessica Warden who collected over 2000 items for the cats and dogs in the shelter! Jessica is a Girl Scout in Troop #0975 and is working on the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award. She approached her school and the Girl Scout Council and was extremely successful in getting treats, toys, beds, etc. for the shelter animals. **On behalf of all of our furry friends, thank you Jessica!**



Stephanie Pinon chose the Humane Society to do her Girl Scout Gold Award Project. She decided to help the organization by creating a spay/neuter brochure. **Thanks Stephanie for all your help in spreading the word about the importance of spaying/neutering!**



Our junior philanthropist is at it again! Ali Wax decided to sell doggy-themed umbrellas and donate the proceeds to help the animals. **Thanks Ali for ALWAYS finding ways to help!**

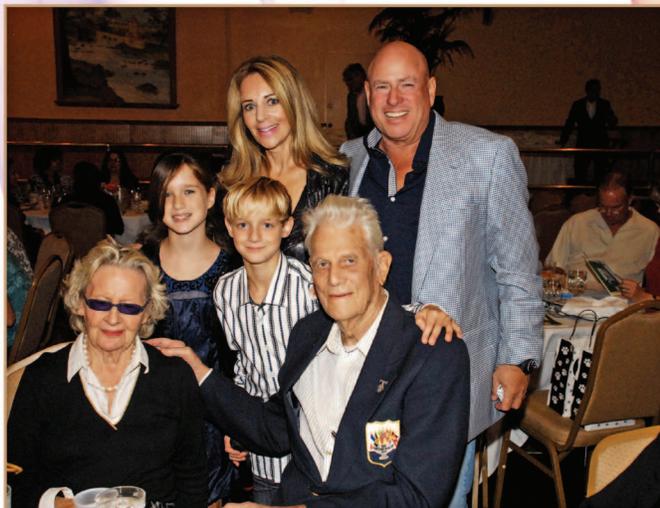


We are always looking for volunteers to help us in and out of the shelter. We accept anyone 16 years and older and who will make a three-month commitment of approximately four hours per week. Attendance at one of three orientation sessions is mandatory: the 2nd Thursday of the month at 5 p.m., or the 1st or 3rd Saturday of the month at 12 noon. For more information, visit our website: www.humanesocietymiami.org. After attending orientation you will receive hands-on training and learn about safety procedures, pet adoptions, animal behavior and other important information about the Humane Society's many programs.

Pet Rescue Las Vegas Night

Honoring Pet Rescue Founder and World Champion Tennis Player Gardner Mulloy

A Las Vegas Style Casino Night, featuring Zella Lehr and Phil Cristian, took place in the Persian Room at the Marco Polo Beach Resort. The event was to benefit the Gardner Mulloy Pet Rescue Clinic at the Humane Society of Greater Miami's Soffer and Fine Adoption Center in North Miami Beach. Event proceeds will be used to expand the existing clinic in order to help more animals. In honor of Mulloy, and in recognition of his love and unwavering dedication to animals, the clinic will bear his name. Thanks to all our guests that came in support of the animals.



8th Annual Pet Rescue Clinic Dinner honoring Gardner Mulloy October 15, 2011



Bottom Row: Jackie and Gardner Mulloy. Middle Row: Allison and Jake Wax. Top Row: Laurie and Irwin Wax

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FUN "TAILS" FROM THE HUMANE

Pawpurrazzi 2012 (continued from pg 1)

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After cocktails on the veranda, the guests moved into Jungle Island's Treetop Ballroom where they enthusiastically watched the "Great Pets Who Walk In Front of Great People" show, where more than 25 star supporters and their furry friend(s) were featured on the runway, many walking shelter dogs. CBS4 anchor, Cynthia Demos, emceed this part of the evening for the third year.

Guests enjoyed a delicious filet mignon dinner followed by a fantasy come true dessert buffet. All worth every calorie!

Mark your calendars for the next Pawpurrazzi – **Friday, January 25, 2013** at Jungle Island! For more information call Laurie Hoffman at 305-749-1815 or email her at laurie@humanesocietymiami.org.



Irene Korge with Nico



Linda and Patrick McEnany with Caesar, Sandy Zankl



Frank and Sheila Kuhl with Bailey



Juan Lopez, Vice President and General Manager Saks, Dadeland, with Lola and Carmen Lopez



Emily Damiano with Suzette, Yvonne Eldredge with Lady Betsy and Chas Eldredge



Christina and Rob Hudson with Dodge



Jo Ann Swinton, Greg Swinton, President and CEO Ryder System, Inc.

Brunch for the Animals

Dogs and their owners came out in droves to the 15th annual Brunch for the Animals at the Loews Miami Beach Hotel. The event was emceed by TV personality, Louis Aguirre, from Deco Drive. Louis, along with his Co-Chairs Selene Arvesu, Gingi Beltran, Irene Korge, Ann Rubino and Maggie Villacampa, organized an event that, despite the on and off rain throughout the day, was said to be the best ever!

Guests started their holiday shopping early at the fabulous silent auction and merchant booths that were set up, including an exciting vintage booth called Scrappy's Vintage Corner. The Humane Society's new line of jewelry, Gimme Shelter, was also a huge success.

Two-legged guests enjoyed a scrumptious holiday brunch provided by Loews, while sipping on cocktails and taking in the magnificent view from the lawn of the hotel. Four-legged attendees dined on a home-cooked meal from the Loews Loves Pets Room Service Menu.

Among those who enjoyed the wonderful afternoon not photographed here were Jeanette Fine, Carolyn and Chris Gilson, Helene Kovens, Alison Kunkel, Juan Lopez, Gerry Mattia, Belkys Nerey, Allison Nash, Suzy Safie, Ben Wilson, Lisa Wheeler, and Sandy Zankl, to name a few.

A very special thank you to The Gloria Estefan Foundation and Do Unto Others for their very generous donations and to the Loews Miami Beach Hotel for their continued support and dedication to the animals.



Charlie Alvarez, Bobby Jones with Olga



Rebecca Spinale with Jake, Milton Wallace with Hanna and Chloe



Donna Tallon, Gingi Beltran, Selene Arvesu, Louis Aguirre, Maggie Villacampa, Irene Korge, Ann Rubino



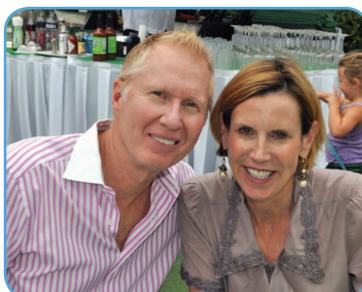
Steven Rodriguez, Debbie Young, Irene Korge with Tula, Alan Randolph with Ranger, Lesley Lyons-Monahan with Carmen



Kelly Gold



Michael Darst, Donna Tallon, Sarah Murov



Jon and Nancy Batchelor



Allison, Laurie and Jake Wax

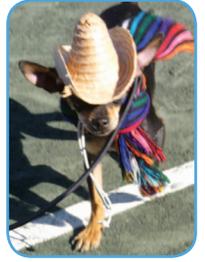


Sam Blum, Nancy Denison

SOCIETY OF GREATER MIAMI

3rd Annual Pet Parade at La Gorce Country Club

The dogs were out in droves for the 3rd annual La Gorce Country Club Pet Parade. Close to 50 dogs competed in one of seven categories. The event was emceed by Mr. Miami Beach, Michael Aller, who kept the crowd entertained while the dogs waited for their time in the spotlight. Thanks to David Kurland, General Manager, Martina Schreer, Director of Member Services, and Grand Marshall of the event, Sandy Sbarro for a fabulous event and for helping raise money for the animals!



Diego, Winner of Best Costume Contest!

Walk for the Animals Presented by Pet Supermarket was a Special Day for Dogs and Their Owners

What could be better on a glorious South Florida picture-perfect day than spending it with your dog, your family, and your friends? That's what *Walk for the Animals* is all about. Taking place at Bayfront Park, The Walk is our largest annual community event that attracted more than 2,000 people to take the one-mile stroll around the park.

This year's Grand Marshall was District 4 Miami-Dade County Commissioner, Sally A. Heyman; The Leader of the Pack was Theresa L. Ashman, Associate Vice President and Controller at the University of Miami; and for the fourth year, the event's emcee was WTVJ - NBC-6 meteorologist, Ryan Phillips.

There were activities for the entire family and their furry friends throughout the morning. Sponsors offered music, games, prizes, product samples, and great food. There was a special Bakery Tent filled with mouth-watering pastries that were enjoyed with a fabulous cup of Coffee Brake coffee. (This is Commissioner Sally Heyman's coffee van.) YUM! Miami Marlins players, Mark Buehrle and Gaby Sanchez, took photos with guests and their dogs and gave out autographed T-shirts. Vicious Red, Miami's local band, knocked the socks off the guests with its up-beat songs. One of the highlights of the morning was the performance of Purina's Incredible Dog Team. If you have never seen their act, it's a must-see occurrence.

Prizes were awarded to the top Pack fundraisers. Raising the most amount of money in the Adult Pack category was the Ryder Pack, raising \$6,696. The highest amount raised from the Pup Pack category was Mia's Club, raising \$938. Great job to the winners and to all packs who raised more than \$25,000, combined, for the animals!

Sponsors included Pet Supermarket, which was the presenting sponsor, B&G Foods, Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., Gray Robinson, Ryder Charitable Foundation, Purina ONE, Coffee Brake, 101.5 Lite FM, and Pet Heaven, just to name a few.



Presenting Sponsor Pet Supermarket, Steve Renzelmann. Emcee NBC6 Meteorologist, Ryan Phillips



Purina's Incredible Dog Team doing incredible things!



Top Fundraiser, First Place Winner for the third year, Heather Glassman with Donna Tallon



Top Fundraiser, Second Place Winner, Liz Schemel



Top Fundraiser, Third Place Winner, Ken Keene



MIA's Club wins 1st Place in their Pup Pack division!!! Congrats to Ms. Terry Vazquez and her students!!



1st Place Adult Pack - Ryder System, Inc. Congratulations to Bob Brunn and everyone at Ryder!



Miami Marlins Gaby Sanchez, Laurie Hoffman, new Miami Marlins pitcher, Mark Buehrle

ASPCA® Awards Much Needed Funds to the Humane Society

Thanks to the generosity of the ASPCA® (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), the Humane Society has received the following grants which will help fulfill our mission in a variety of ways.

- **Second Chance Fund** - A grant in the amount of \$100,000 per year for the next three years will enable us to expand the scope and impact of our current veterinary care efforts. These funds will be used to treat 120 pets each year, who may have curable but life-threatening medical conditions. Additionally, a small percentage of the funds will be used to assist pet owners in our community who may not be able to keep their pets because they can't afford to treat emergent health conditions.
- **Spay/Neuter Surgeries** - A \$36,000 grant will provide us with the necessary resources to perform an additional 2,400 spay/neuter surgeries in 2012. This grant is specifically for the residents who can show proof of government assistance. There will be a \$15 copay. Please call 305-696-0800 for more information or to make an appointment.
- **Clinic Expansion Project** - \$10,000 was awarded to the Humane Society to help pay for an additional surgical suite in the clinic at the Soffer and Fine Adoption Center in North Miami Beach. This expansion will enable the Clinic to perform double the number of spay/neuter surgeries per day. The Humane Society is also seeking other funding from donations, other foundations, corporations, etc. to expand the Clinic. Please call 305-749-1817 for more information.
- **Vaccine Safety Net Program** - With the help of a \$10,000 grant, residents who can show proof of government assistance will be able to receive free vaccines for their pets. Visit either the North Miami Beach clinic at the Soffer and Fine Adoption Center (16101 West Dixie Highway) or the South Clinic in Cutler Bay (10700 SW 211th Street). No appointment is necessary.
- **Mega Adoption Event** - A \$10,000 grant has been awarded to the ASPCA's Miami Partnership, consisting of the Humane Society of Greater Miami, Miami-Dade Animal Services, and The Cat Network, for a 24-hour community wide adoption event. This event is scheduled from 11:59pm Friday, March 30 - 11:59pm March 31 at Tropical Park, with the hopes of adopting more than 200 animals during that period.

Other Grants Awarded

The Humane Society is committed to ending the serious pet overpopulation in Miami-Dade County. Each year we perform low-cost, subsidized, and free spay/neuter surgeries so that fewer cats and dogs will end up in shelters or left homeless on the streets. We thank the following Grantors and Foundations for their generosity and commitment to animals:

- **PetSmart Charities** - a \$50,470 grant will be used for 1,250 feline rabies vaccination, ear tip and spay/neuter surgeries from the West Perrine or South Miami Heights area. There is no copay for this program. Call 305-234-9422 for more information or to schedule an appointment. This grant will end in August 2012.
- **Folke Peterson Foundation** - a \$5,000 grant was used for canine spay/neuter surgeries during 2011. The mission of the Folke H. Peterson Foundation is to prevent cruelty to animals and to benefit animals. Funds may be distributed directly for facilities to protect animals, for medical assistance, and for food for animals so long as such prevents cruelty to animals and benefits animals.
- **Peacock Foundation, Inc.** - a \$20,000 grant was used to sterilize 667 dogs.

A FREE, "People Only" Workshop for All Dog Owners!



Join us at our Soffer and Fine Adoption Center, 16101 West Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach, FL 33160, every 4th Saturday of the month for a workshop to learn about common canine problems, such as chewing, biting, digging, and begging - just to name a few. For more information, call Canine Counselors at 305-264-0027, Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM.

Looking for new foster parents!

We are always looking for help fostering puppies, kittens, or older pets that need time out of the shelter. All fostering supplies will be provided - food, bowls, bedding, etc. Must be at least 18 years old, have transportation and attend a foster care orientation. For more information call 305-749-1843 or email aileen@humanesocietymiami.org.



Southeast Florida Animal Shelters Partner to Beat the Heat

In an effort to help reduce the pet overpopulation problem in the Southeast Florida region, the Humane Society joined forces with five other animal shelters and formed the Southeast Florida Region Spay/Neuter Coalition. The five other organizations: Broward County Animal Care & Adoption, Humane Society of Broward County, Miami-Dade Animal Services, Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control, and Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League. Based on the success of "Beat the Heat Spay/Neuter Week" the coalition hopes to facilitate additional spay/neuter programs in the near future for at-risk animals in the region.

The Coalition's first project was called "Beat the Heat Spay/Neuter Week" and took place February 21 - 25. This spay/neuter event set out to sterilize, vaccinate, and microchip all felines eight weeks of age or older, no matter if they were free-roaming, feral or lucky enough to have a home. By the end of the week, a whopping 1,693 cats were able to "Beat the Heat," which will ultimately reduce the number of unwanted or abandoned litters in the future.

BIG DOGS



Love Comes in All Sizes!

In October, the Humane Society launched its BIG DOG Program in cooperation with Big Dog Sportswear. The focus of this program is to find homes for the shelter's BIG DOGS. Any dog over 35 pounds and who has been in the shelter for over four months will have their adoption fee waived, thanks to the generosity of our donors.

"We are pleased to support the Humane Society of Greater Miami in their efforts to find homes for their BIG DOGS. As soon as the request came in, we knew that we'd lend a hand to help save the dogs," said Steve Dawson, Director of Retail Marketing. Big Dog Sportswear is based in California and is famous for making casual sportswear and funny graphic T-shirts since 1983.

For every BIG DOG adopted, Big Dog Sportswear will donate a BIG DOG adoption goody bag and adopters can enter their names to win a \$300 gift card for online purchases at www.bigdogs.com.

At the launch of the program, there were 44 big dogs that fit the criteria and in three months, all were adopted!



Founding Fosters is dedicated to raising funds to improve the lives of pets in the Soffer and Fine Adoption Center by opening temporary care homes and providing crucial supplies for animals with special needs.

Founding Fosters "Bark Avenue Society Executive Committee" consists of Founder & Chairman Bella Goldstein, President Mickey W. Dworkin, President's Council Honorable Linda Zilber & Paul Ruthfield, and committee members Suzanne Bezahler, Doree & Honorable Malcolm Fromberg, Carole W. & Marshall Langer, Lila & Harold Menowitz, Freddi Hyman and Helene Kovens.

In November, Founding Fosters held its first signature event at Trio on the Bay in North Bay Village. The sold-out event was a huge success, raising much needed dollars for animals in need of foster care at the Humane Society. Philanthropist Kathy Simkins was the honoree along with Chairpersons Robyn Tauber and Mason Mishcon. Signature sponsors, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, Britto Central, Inc., and Neiman Marcus, Bal Harbour were thrilled to be part of the first Founding Foster's event. Avid animal lover and CBS4 Chief Meteorologist, David Bernard, was the emcee for the evening.



Mason Mishcon, Kathy Simkins, Robyn Tauber

Neiman Marcus, Bal Harbour hosted the Founding Fosters "No Black Tie - Tails Only" in January. Dogs from six to 160 pounds strutted their stuff with their owners in Neiman's "Best of Spring 2012" fashion show. Helene

Kovens was the event honoree and Lila Menowitz served as chair. More than 125 guests attended the sold-out event which included cocktails, music, dinner, and an exclusive silent auction. The excitement of the unique evening brought many new Founding Fosters to support the shelter.



Bella Goldstein, Helene Kovens, Lila Menowitz

For further information on this dynamic group membership and events, contact Ricki Diamond at Ricki@humanesocietymiami.org, 305.749.1814.



PetNet is the next generation of supporters dedicated to making a difference in the lives of homeless animals at the Humane Society of Greater Miami. It is a diverse group of young professionals united by a love for animals who party with a purpose! PetNet's goal is to create awareness about responsible pet ownership, raise funds, and educate others about compassion and caring for animals.

PetNet elected its new Slate of Officers of the Executive Committee in November. They include: Chair Ben Wilson; Chair Emeritus Chi Ly; Vice Chair Jared Slansky; Secretary Amy Wiborg; Treasurer Jesse McLaughlin; Membership Director Lisa Welch; Special Events & Sponsorships Mary Strudwick & Dr. Millie Rosales; Social Marketing & Media Lauren Vandenberg; and Guidelines Director Leslie Lyons.

December brought a PetNet holiday party hosted by Lauren Vandenberg at her parents' home, Casa Vandenberg. Each guest was requested to bring an item from the Humane Society's wish list. It was a beautiful evening with over \$3,000 in gifts and donations benefitting the shelter.

In January, HaVen Lounge on Lincoln Road hosted PetNet's *yappy hour*. Over 100 attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at this SoBe hotspot.

For more information on PetNet events and membership, contact Director of Development Ricki Diamond at 305.749.1814 ricki@humanesocietymiami.org. Become a Fan at PetNet Miami on Facebook.



Amy Wiborg, Ben Wilson, Krissy Wiborg, Jared Slansky.

HAPPY TAILS

Thank you to all the wonderful new canine and feline parents who have adopted from us. In 2011, we adopted 2,322 well-deserving pets into new homes; that's 822 more than the previous year! We hope to adopt more than 3,000 in 2012! Enjoy these heartfelt stories about some of our long-timers. To see all of our pets available for adoption, please visit our website: www.humanesocietymiami.org, and **make adoption your only option!**



BINKI

Binki was found as a few-day-old stray and fostered by one of our employees. Over the next two years, Binki was adopted and returned four different times, unbeknownst to us the reasons why he was always returned. He was such a sweet and very playful boy and was so deserving of a permanent home. One month after his two-year anniversary with us, Binki found his long-lasting and loving FURever home. We couldn't be happier!



SUKARI

Sukari was sadly abandoned at the Humane Society in June of 2009. She looked so much like many of the cats that were already there, and a lot like the new kittens that arrived afterwards. People came and visited week after week, month after month, but poor little Sukari was always passed over. After two and a half

years of being in the shelter she forgot what living in a real home was like and that led her to believe that this was her home. Little did she know, her life was about to change for the better. A family came in and fell in love with Sukari. Now she is living the best life and enjoying every moment of it—proof that by opening your heart and home, you can make a big difference in the life of a homeless animal.



FUDGE

Fudge had been in the shelter for 650 days. Charles, a volunteer, fostered Fudge for the holiday week and his parents, who were in town from New Jersey, met Fudge and decided to adopt him! So Fudge moved to New Jersey to a one acre home with two poodles to play with! We'll miss you Fudge but it sounds like you're living the life!

AMBERBOCK

Amberbock had been at the shelter for more than one year. The staff loved him, took him on as many outreaches as possible, but there was no love connection. Then, one magical day, one of our wonderful volunteers decided to adopt him! His best friend is the volunteer's daughter; he just bounces along behind her wherever she goes. What a great match; it was worth the wait!



WILLOW

Willow was stuck in a tree in the parking lot of the Humane Society. Once discovered, the staff went into rescue mode and tried to coax her down using every trick in the book. After a few hours, something in little Willow decided it was ok to come down. We brought her immediately to the clinic to be checked out by the vet. Even though she had no teeth and a hip problem, she was a sweet, gentle and loving elderly cat. Willow spent 10 months with us, eating soft food, until that wonderful day when she found her PURRfect home.



COOPER AND BIBI

Cooper and Bibi were two shelter dogs that had been in our shelter for over a year. Both were adopted together! Their wonderful new owner, who lives in a farm in Homestead, was going to adopt just Cooper, but thanks to our volunteer Elizabeth, he decided to adopt both after she explained that two dogs are better than one!



And now for a story from new canine parent, Carlos, and the journey to his home with Chiqui:

CHIQUI

To all the Humane Society Workers and Volunteers...Please share these photos with everyone that helped nurture Marty (his new name is Chiqui "Tico" Garcia).



We are soooo happy together, and he loves his new home in New York. I got him a on Thursday, and all the Humane Society staff members were so friendly and helped me with finalizing my adoption. Chiqui (pronounced Cheeky) drove up with me that Thursday night up to New York, we shared a 24 hour drive together and became so close (like a true father and child, LoL). By Friday morning, we drove past South Carolina and Chiqui wanted to use the Doggy Restrooms at South of the Border...so we stopped at SotB. After hours and hours of sleep...it was now late Friday afternoon, and we drove through Washington DC and decided to stop at the White House to make a photo stop...Chiqui was thrilled!! By the time we entered NYC later Friday evening, Chiqui insisted I go through Times Square for another photo shoot. That Chiqui is something, I tell ya...