



PET PARADE

HUMANE SOCIETY OF GREATER MIAMI ADOPT-A-PET

MAY 2013

PAWPURRAZZI: A "DOG-GONE" FABULOUS EVENT!

At **PawpurraZZi** the dogs are the stars and their owners are the accessories. And it couldn't be more amazing. In its fifth year, Chairmen Pat and Milton Wallace and Bunny Bastian created a one-of-a-kind experience at Jungle Island, raising more than \$550,000 for the Humane Society of Greater Miami. The more than 500 guests agreed it was an awesome, "paw-some" event!

South Motors was the Presenting Sponsor for the fifth year. Marisa Cisneros-Rizzon, Juan Lopez, Vice President and General Manager of Saks Fifth Avenue, Dadeland, and Ann Rubino put together the incredible silent auction. Many thanks to Bacardi for donating the spirits, Republic National Distributing Company for the wine, and WSVN's Belkys Nerey and Lynn Martinez for doing a great job as the event's emcees.

The show's stars included the "Top Dogs and Best in Show," The Batchelor Foundation, featuring Sandy Batchelor, Jon and Nancy Batchelor; "Humane-itarian and Best of Breed," Penny and Roe Stamps; "Animal Ambassadors and Star Dogs: Dr. Fredric Brandt, Yvonne and Chas Eldredge, Emily Damiano, Irene Korge, Linda and Patrick McEnany, and Maggie Villacampa representing U.S. Trust; and all the "Diplomats and Doggie Darlings": Terry, and son, Marc, Buoniconti, Sheila and Frank Kuhl from Coconut Grove Gallery & Interiors, Lizette and Angel Diaz, Joyce and Skip Dickerson, Swanee and Paul DiMare, Alicia Celorio representing Do Unto Others Trust, Jeanette Fine, Richard Gomez, Lola Jacobson and granddaughter, Marisa Toccin, DJ and Steven Kerr, Helene and Marc Kovens, Jacquelyn and Jorge Munilla, Ed Joyce representing Northern Trust, Steve Feinberg representing Pet Supermarket, Christy and Earl Powell, Bob Brunn representing Ryder Charitable Foundation, Sandy Zankl, and Joe Zubizarreta.



Pat and Milton Wallace with Chloe



Sandy Batchelor, Jon and Nancy Batchelor, representing The Batchelor Foundation

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



Charles and Fanny Dascal



Penny and Roe Stamps with Ella



Marisa Cisneros-Rizzon and Marcos Rizzon

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.



Adoption Guarantee Shelter

a·dop·tion guar·an·tee
[uh-dop-shuhn gar-uhn-tee]

- noun
- 1. Time is never an issue.
- 2. Safe from euthanasia.

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Animal Lovers:

Let's talk! Firstly, I am so honored to be elected as Chairman of the Board for a second term. I am proud to be part of an organization that goes above and beyond in its care of the animals. Someone has to be the voice for the homeless and abandoned pets and I appreciate all of you who have joined me in that effort.

This has been a blockbuster season; the number of animals that we have found homes for has risen tremendously, and our fundraising events were fabulous - bringing in more money than anticipated.

Pawpurrazzi was bigger and better than ever and raised \$550,000! Many thanks to all who supported the event through attendance, donations, and sponsorships. And the icing on the cake - four well-deserving dogs were adopted! The guests who come every year proclaimed that this was the best Pawpurrazzi ever, and it is the one event they look forward to going to each year. Kudos to everyone involved!

Our first annual **Holiday Lights for the Animals** event at the shelter was a great success. "Santa Paws" arrived on a big red fire truck and the Voices of Cushman School's children sang holiday songs, making it a festive and heartwarming event. Everyone who attended left with the holiday spirit in their hearts.

This year the **Brunch for the Animals** was held in the beautiful gardens at the Village of Merrick Park, a fun and exciting location for the event. We exceeded our fundraising goal and everyone loved the new "Eat Love Shop" theme of the event. Attendees relaxed and enjoyed a full menu of delicious foods that were provided by the Village's first-rate restaurants. No one left hungry, and many opted to shop afterward at the stores in this fabulous outdoor mall.

Our **Walk for the Animals**, held at Bayfront Park in Downtown Miami, was a real happening, with more than 3,000 people attending. We thank Pet Supermarket for sponsoring the event's new Adoption Area, where 10 local rescue groups participated by bringing their available animals for adoption. We are proud to report that 20 dogs and one bunny rabbit were adopted that day. Bravo!

Another first-time event, **Paws for Art**, raised funds for our Foster Care Fund. More than 50 life-size dogs and cat sculptures were on display at Aventura Mall for a week. The viewing culminated in a cocktail party and auction where the sculptures were sold. It was a very creative and fun event.

During the past six months, we joined forces with Miami-Dade Animal Services and The Cat Network for two **Mega Pet Adoption** events at Tropical Park. Combined, well over 10,000 people attended the events and more than 600 animals found their forever homes. A big "thank you" to all the people who supported these events.

When I look back at the last six months, I am so very delighted and proud of all that we have accomplished. But, our work is never done. Countless dogs and cats still need our help in finding them loving homes and our spay/neuter initiatives are desperately needed so we can end the serious pet overpopulation problem that causes hundreds of thousands of pets in our community to be homeless, starving, and abandoned.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff, I thank you all for your support and continued dedication to our four-legged friends.

Fondly,



Pat Wallace



Pat Wallace, Chairman
of Board of Directors

A STAR TO REMEMBER: BREEZE

Breeze, a four-and-a-half-year-old Shih Tzu, will not only be remembered as the great, great, great grandson of "Midnight Max," the 1st Black National Shih Tzu of the United States, but also as a great friend to all the children who participated in the Wags & Tales program at the North Miami Public Library.

At only 18 weeks of age, Breeze began his unofficial career as a therapy dog alongside his sister, "Oreo Cookie," and his brother, "Hershey Bear," both certified pet therapy dogs. When Breeze was finally old enough, he got his certification and worked very hard visiting nursing homes, mental health institutes, and rehabilitation centers, averaging eight facilities per month. Breeze also participated in the Wags & Tales reading program in three different libraries; but, at the North Miami Public Library, he was the star. Record numbers of children signed up for their program and we are sure it was because of Breeze.

Just recently, Breeze was in a fatal car accident and is now watching over his "Mom," Barbara, and brother and sister from doggie heaven. He was a very special little dog and will be dearly missed by all.

If you would like more information about the Wags & Tales program, please call 305-749-1820.



Breeze and his "Mom," Barbara Cohen, hard at work at the North Miami Public Library.

HAPPY TAILS

Many thanks to all the wonderful people who have opened up their homes to a new dog, cat, puppy, or kitten. Our adoption program has greatly improved and we are proud to report that in 2012 we placed close to 3,200 wonderful pets into loving homes. The more we adopt, the more we save! Help us save more animals by adopting today!

We love to hear from our adopters. Please post your stories and photos on our Facebook page or email them to dani@humanesocietymiami.org.

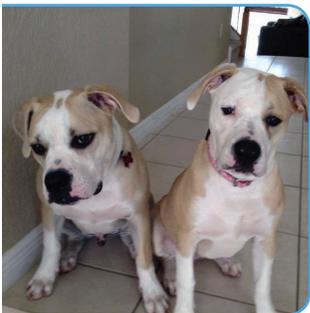


MADDIE

I adopted Maddie nine months ago and she is amazing! Your volunteers did an amazing job matching me up with her. She is everything I had hoped for and more! I hope that I can inspire someone out there looking for a new companion to adopt. It's extra special when you give a chance to a rescue animal. Jen and Maddie ;)

GUCCI

Here's Gucci (he was named Tinker before I adopted him there) at seven months old. I adopted him on Mother's Day, May 13, 2012, and he was only two pounds, eight weeks old, and had hookworms. Well, you can see he's one happy camper and out of the five cats I've ever had, he is the biggest trip and even plays fetch!!! LOL! I Love My Gucci!!!



LULY AND FLASH

Hi guys! We adopted Luly and Flash in January. We want you to know that they are both doing great. They attend doggie daycare at least twice a week and we have a trainer coming into the house every week, aside from going to the doggie park every weekend. We'll be attending group class very soon and they are getting lots of love and attention. We are just in love with them. We just hope that more people consider adopting pets from the Humane Society and rescue groups.

SOOKIE

Thank you to Arlene and everyone else at the Humane Society for all the great work you do every day! Sookie is so happy and has come such a long way. We have changed each other's lives!



To see all of our pets available for adoption, please visit our website: www.humanesocietymiami.org, and make adoption your only option!

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.

PAWPURRAZZI: A "DOG-GONE" FABULOUS EVENT

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Before the "Great Pets Who Walk in Front of Great People" show, guests enjoyed a cocktail reception filled with activities for both two-legged and four-legged guests. The food was non-stop. Next came a delicious filet mignon dinner followed by a fantasy-come-true dessert buffet. For information on **Pawpurrazzi 2014**, scheduled for **Friday, January 24, 2014**, or the Humane Society of Greater Miami, call Laurie Hoffman at 305-749-1815 or email her at laurie@humanesocietymiami.org.



Emily Borababy with Lincoln, Alicia Celorio, Founder Do Unto Others Trust



Stephen Colleu with Tyler, Dr. Fredric Brandt with Benji and Surya



Emily Damiano with Suzette, Yvonne Eldredge with Lady Bitsy



Patrick McEnany with Caesar, Linda McEnany



Ann and Frank Rubino



Patrick Mormile, Daniel Villacampa, Maggie Villacampa, Representing U.S. Trust, Jorge Villacampa, and Samantha Mormile



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



Irene Korge with Zoe



Ruby Bacardi



R. Kirk Landon and Pamela Garrison



Emcees Lynn Martinez, Belkys Nerey from WSVN

HOLIDAY LIGHTS FOR THE ANIMALS AT THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF GREATER MIAMI

Guests made donations to help light up the holidays for the animals at the Soffer and Fine Adoption Center

The Humane Society of Greater Miami invited the public to come and celebrate the holidays at their state-of-the-art facility in North Miami Beach. As soon as you came through the door, you felt the holiday spirit engulf you. There were refreshments (Christmas tree cookies, mini brownies and cupcakes, egg nog, hot chocolate with mini marshmallows, and more...Mmmm!) throughout the shelter. Tours were given during the evening and guests got to see firsthand some of the animals that are looking for forever homes and a loving family. It was hard to resist not taking all of the animals home.

Holiday Lights for the Animals is a fundraising event where you can light up a Christmas tree or a Menorah with a donation. Many people honored a special person or dog in their lives with their donation. For example, \$20 illuminated one light, and guests could light up as many as they wanted, or even light up an entire tree or menorah for \$200 or more.

As a special treat, the Voices of Cushman (The Cushman School choir) entertained guests with holiday songs. The youngsters were in second through fifth grade and simply adorable. They sang Polar Puppy, a special carol for the animals. Then—what every holiday party has to have to make it official—the arrival of Santa "Paws", who delighted all the children and the child in all of us! You're never too old to enjoy Santa. It was a wonderful evening of camaraderie, fun, and support for the organization—and a great way to celebrate the holiday season.



Laurie Hoffman, Santa Paws (a.k.a. Captain Frank Leavitt, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue), Dani Kandra



Voices of Cushman Choir from The Cushman School

SOCIETY OF GREATER MIAMI

BRUNCH FOR THE ANIMALS HOSTED BY THE VILLAGE OF MERRICK PARK BENEFITTED THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF GREATER MIAMI

In its 16th year, the event was a complete sell out

Brunch at the tony Village of Merrick Park, the outdoor shopping mall in Coral Gables, is always a delight. But it is extra special when you enjoy the experience with your four-legged best friend. **Brunch for the Animals**, benefiting the Humane Society of Greater Miami, was a sell out with more than 300 people and their dogs attending. WSVN's Deco Drive host, Louis Aguirre, was the emcee for the fourth straight year and the chairs were Alan G. Randolph, Steven Rodriguez, Amy Zakarin and Isaac Rosenberg, all great friends to homeless and abandoned animals.

Guests enjoyed delicious dishes provided by SAWA, Mariposa in Neiman Marcus, C'est Bon, Villagio and CRAVE, all restaurants located in the Village of Merrick Park. Others who donated food for the sumptuous buffet were A Joy Wallace Catering, Design and Special Events and Blue Bell Ice Cream, one of the most popular stations at the buffet. Liquor was provided by Russian Standard Vodka, Kenwood Winery, Zing Zang, Inc., and Miami Cocktail Company. Of course, the dogs were not left out. Their delicious buffet was provided by SAWA. It was great to see so many businesses coming together to help the animals.

Guests not only ate but had a chance to bid on some fabulous items in a silent auction, and many of the retailers at the mall provided incentives and discounts. There is nothing more satisfying than a full belly and a shopping spree at exciting shops, and of course, being accompanied by your dog!

For more information about **Brunch for the Animals 2013**, please email laurie@humanesocietymiami.org.



Alan Randolph with Ranger, Laurie Hoffman, Amy Zakarin with Bailey, Louis Aguirre with Reilly



Karrem Kayser, Carol Henderson with Ginger, Joy Wallace



Emily Borababy, Tania Boveda, Alicia Celorio, Kathy Naranjo, Kathy Gonzalez, with Lilly, Lauren and Kristen Gonzalez



Milton Wallace, Pat Wallace, Humane Society Chairman of the Board with Hanna, Chloe, and Jake



Irene Korge with Tula, Bronwyn Miller with Nico, Alan Randolph with Nelson, Debbie Young, Lesley Lyons-Monahan



Sam Blum, Ira Leesfield



Alison Kunkel, Michelle Headley-Manners with Daisy, Donna Tallon, Humane Society Executive Director with Katia, Allison Nash-Zelkowitz with Bianca



Lana Bernstein, Michele Addison, Liza Walton

PAWS FOR ART



Aventura Mall hosted Paws for Art, benefiting the Humane Society of Greater Miami's Founding Foster Care Fund. Under the direction of event Curator, Creative Director, and Artist, Clara Poupel, the Mall's Fountain Court was transformed into an enchanting park where close to 150 guests admired and "adopted" the more than 50 life-size sculptures of cats and dogs. Andrea Lopez Kelly and DiVitto Kelly created the sculptures for the noted artists to use as their blank canvas. The week-long display culminated with a party hosted by Aventura Mall and emcee'd by CBS4's entertainment reporter, Lisa Petrillo.



Bella Goldstein, Founder and Chairman Founding Foster Care Fund, Anabel Llopis, Aventura Mall Director of Sales & Marketing



Curator, Creative Director, and Artist Clara Poupel



Slansky Group-Wells Fargo Advisors, Neal and Elaine Slansky



The "park" came alive with 50 life-like sculptures of cats and dogs

WALK FOR THE ANIMALS, PRESENTED BY PET SUPERMARKET, WAS A TAIL-WAGGIN' SUCCESS

More than 3,000 people came to Bayfront Park to walk for the homeless animals

It was a glorious day for the Humane Society of Greater Miami's annual WALK FOR THE ANIMALS, where both families and their four-legged friends gathered for the one-mile stroll at Bayfront Park. Dogs frolicked in pools after creating their own masterpieces from the "Paw-casso" Paw Print booth; children played games and got henna tattoos; and adults enjoyed music provided by 101.5 LiteFM and local DJ, Jody McDonald. For everyone, there were yummy bagels and muffins at the Bakery Booth, entertaining vendor booths, and for those that needed a little "pick-me-up," Commissioner Sally Heyman's Coffee Break van provided the ideal cup of coffee. The scene was a slice of Americana; a perfect setting for a Norman Rockwell painting. And to make the day even more perfect, the organization raised almost \$150,000.

For the first time ever, there was an Adoption Arena at the park, sponsored by Pet Supermarket, where 10 local rescue groups participated by bringing their kittens, puppies, dogs and cats to find a forever home. Twenty-one animals found new homes, including one bunny rabbit. For the fifth year, Ryan Phillips, Meteorologist for NBC6 was the emcee. Both Commissioner Sally Heyman and Commissioner Marc Sarnoff spoke to the more than 3,000 attendees.

Besides all the furry friends who attended the event, the stars for the day were: Ryder Charitable Foundation, winning the Adult Pack for the fifth time, raising \$5,137; Advanced Learning Charter School, winning the Pup Pack, raising \$2,510; and the four individual fundraisers: 1st Place – Heather Glassman, for the fifth year in a row, raising \$2,800; 2nd Place – Luz Schemel, for the third year in a row, raising \$1,321; 3rd Place – Cynthia Bromund, raising \$1,085; and 4th Place – Cecilia Duenas, raising \$1,030.

More than 20 vendors came out to support the Humane Society of Greater Miami, all offering fun activities, prizes to win, and goodies to give away. They included caricature artists, henna tattoo artists, and a photo booth where pictures were taken "on the red carpet." (Move over Academy Awards!) Sponsors included Pet Supermarket as the Presenting Sponsor, Purina ONE, Ryder Charitable Foundation, PetCo, Perry Ellis International, A-Kid's Party Express, Bagel Bar East, Butler Schein, Canine Counselors, Cheesecake Factory, Coldwell Banker/Pincrest Branch, Costco, Hybrid Realty Group, Miami Marlins, Pet Heaven, 101.5 Lite FM, The Ticket, Subaru, The Miami Herald, Wells Fargo/Midtown Branch, and Zoetis Animal Health "Pfizer," to name just a few.

A great time was had by all—it was declared that "This was the best Walk in town!" **Mark your calendars for the next Walk: Saturday, February 22, 2014.**



Great supporters of the Humane Society: Peter Arcencibia with Canine Counselors, Steve Renzelmann with Pet Supermarket, Ellen Jaffe with WLYF



Ryder System, Inc. – Big Dog Pack winner for the fifth time!



Advanced Learning Center – Little Pup Pack winner



Thanks to all the rescues who participated, and who, combined, adopted and found homes for 21 animals including a bunny rabbit.



Thank you Cheesecake Factory for donating fabulous desserts, raising money and putting a Pack together!



Heather Glassman - Top Individual Fundraiser – fifth year in a row!



Everyone is feeling the love!



Dogs of all sizes came out to support their furry counterparts, from big to small to smaller!

TWO MEGA-ADOPTION EVENTS WERE HELD AT TROPICAL PARK IN MIAMI

Close to 650 animals adopted!

Two lucky days for the animals - October 27, 2012 and April 6, 2013. Both glorious days where close to 650 animals, combined, found their new and forever homes at two different Mega Pet Adoption Events, both held at Tropical Park. Together with Miami-Dade Animal Services, The Cat Network, and other local rescue groups, hundreds of animals were available for adoption.

October 27, 2012: Sponsored by PetSmart Charities, this event had more than 600 homeless animals eager to find a forever home. The marathon adoption of puppies and kitties kicked off the festivities at midnight and then continued with the older animals for the rest of the 24-hour-long event.

The event was held at the covered Equestrian Center in Tropical Park. This was a family affair with an entire Kid's Festival, sponsored by the ASPCA®, complete with lots of rides, bounce houses, and fun games for children of all ages. There was live entertainment and music, an amazing DJ, and show-worthy performances by some talented folks, as well as refreshments by a variety of Food Trucks.

April 6, 2013: Sponsored by the ASPCA®, this adoption marathon lasted 12 hours, from 9am - 9pm. Attendees lined up waiting to see the available puppies and kittens and then proceeded to enjoy the Kid's Arena, sponsored by Pet Supermarket, a variety of Food Trucks, bounce houses and rides for the children, and plenty of live entertainment and music for the adults. Throughout the 12 hours, approximately 250 animals were brought to the event for adoption and approximately 95% of them went home to their new families that day!

"We couldn't be more delighted with the outcome of both Mega Adoption events," says Donna Tallon, Executive Director of the Humane Society of Greater Miami. "Joining forces with Animal Services, The Cat Network and all the other rescue groups and vendors was beneficial for all. The community really came through for the animals."

For more information about the next Mega Pet Adoption Event, call 305-749-1818.



I know someone is going to pick me today.



Choose me! Choose me! Choose me!



I can feel it - today will be our lucky day!



I guess this is what it means to have a dad!



Thank you Mr. Volunteer for being so nice to me!



If I sit here and smile, I know someone will take me home.



Lisa DePriest, Richard Gomez

HOLIDAY TREES FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, November 17, 2012, 600 Brickell World Plaza hosted its 2nd annual Holiday Charity Trees fundraiser. This event brings students and their artistry to a holiday decoration and lighting event in Downtown Miami while fostering donations for three local charities.

Students created handmade ornaments from mini water bottles which are then displayed on an oak tree specific to each charity. This year the event was expanded to include a wine and food festival, Savor the Season, and through generous sponsors, raised \$10,000 for our shelter. For information about how to get involved with the 2013 Holiday Charity Trees event, call 305-749-1820.

GRANTS AWARDED TO OUR HUMANE SOCIETY

As a not-for-profit, private 501 © (3) organization, we rely on the generosity of others to fulfill our mission. Thanks to the many grantors who continue to help animals in need.

- **ASPCA Fundraising “Tool” Grant** – Approximately \$6,100 was received for various programs and training tools to assist us with fundraising, including two refurbished iPads, training in our donor software, Raiser’s Edge, installation of Connect2Give, and membership to Foundation Search for one year.
- **North Clinic Expansion** – An additional \$36,000 was awarded to the Humane Society to purchase new surgical equipment for the North Miami Beach clinic. Construction has just begun and is scheduled to continue through mid-July. This expansion will enable the Clinic to perform double the number of spay/neuter surgeries per day and prevent the birth of unwanted babies.
- **Spay-Neuter Miami Foundation** – The Humane Society received \$10,000 to be used to spay/neuter 270 dogs and cats for under-served residents in the southern end of Miami-Dade County. The Spay-Neuter Miami Foundation was formed through an initiative of the former Director of Miami-Dade Animal Services, the County Manager, Mayor and Board of County Commissioners to privately fund greatly needed spay/neuter programs.
- **Peacock Foundation, Inc.** – A \$25,000 grant was awarded for our Humane Society to spay or neuter approximately 1,600 dogs and cats for under-served residents of our community. It is through the help of Foundations like this that we can hope to end the serious pet overpopulation problem in Miami-Dade County.
- **Folke Peterson Foundation** – A \$5,000 grant will be used for spay/neuter surgeries for approximately 333 dogs that are 40 pounds or more during 2013. 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.
- **Wildflower Foundation** – \$20,000 was awarded to our Humane Society to be used specifically for our Second Chance Fund. This fund helps us help animals receive the necessary medical care which may be outside of the scope of our own clinics.
- **The Miami Foundation** – The Foundation announced that its initiative, Give Miami Day, raised more than \$1M for 300 nonprofit groups. Donations came from donors around the globe and each donation between \$25 and \$10,000 received a 12.5% match from \$100,000 contributed by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and \$100,000 contributed by The Miami Foundation. The Marlins Foundation provided \$15,000 in incentive prizes. This 24-hour online fundraiser, held in December 2012, raised \$4,838 for our organization.

BEAT THE HEAT - ANOTHER SUCCESS!

Thanks to grants from The ASPCA® (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) and PetSmart Charities®, The Southeast Florida Spay/Neuter Coalition is receiving much-needed funding for costs associated with targeted spay and neuter surgeries in an effort to reduce shelter intake and euthanasia of dogs and cats. “The ASPCA believes that collaboration between organizations is the key to ending animal homelessness and cruelty, which is why we are happy to provide The Southeast Florida Spay/Neuter Coalition with this grant,” said Julie Morris, Senior Vice President of Community Outreach for the ASPCA. “By targeting spay/neuter efforts to areas with the highest relinquishment, the Southeast Florida Spay/Neuter Coalition is taking the right steps towards keeping animals in their homes and out of shelters.”

In late February, the Southeast Florida Spay/Neuter Coalition held their second annual “Beat the Heat Spay/Neuter Week” for felines. Once again, the event was a huge success, with a total of 1,050 cats being spayed or neutered throughout the Tri-County area at a nominal fee. While each of the shelters offers reduced-fee spay/neuter programs throughout the year, the Coalition hopes that by holding this event early in the year, it will prevent the births of thousands of unwanted kittens in the spring and summer months.

No one disputes the cuteness of kittens. However, the fact is there are simply too many unwanted cats and not enough homes. Only with your help can we reduce the number of unwanted cats entering shelters.

The six organizations that formed the Coalition are: Humane Society of Greater Miami; Miami-Dade Animal Services; Broward County Animal Care & Adoption; Humane Society of Broward County; Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control; and Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League. While each shelter is independent and not affiliated with one another, they all have come together to promote this important message. Pet overpopulation is something we can control, but it will take help from everyone to make a difference.

If you have a pet that needs to be spayed or neutered and you live in the North part of the county, please call 305-749-1827 or visit our website, humanesocietymiami.org, to make an online appointment request. If you live in the Southern part of the county, please call 305-749-1854 or visit our website.

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, 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.



We would like to extend a super huge heartfelt thanks to Peter Arencibia and his team for all they do for the animals. Peter is always helping our animals, our staff, our volunteers, and our adopters, and we can't thank him enough for all he does.