



FUR THE RECORD

2018 SPRING NEWSLETTER



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HAPPENINGS & HAPPY TAILS AT HSSC



HSSC
THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF SARASOTA COUNTY

WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the area's premier no-kill shelter, we take our commitment to our animals and supporters seriously. You can trust that your donations are being used wisely.



CHRISTEN BENSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Christen Benson joined HSSC in 2012 and has been the Executive Director since 2015. Duke, Chief of Security and Snacks is one of our office pets and an HSSC Alum. You will often find him lounging in the Executive Director's chair, dreaming of bones and cheese.

Meet our staff.

Visit our website to take a look at who cares for our cats and dogs, and to see the rest of our office pets.

www.hssc.org



As we look back on 2017, we are amazed by what our team achieved with your support. We were able to find homes for 1,521 previously homeless animals. To accomplish this, our team performed over 1,000 surgeries, treated 107 dogs for heartworm disease, and fostered hundreds. We saw our programs grow and impact even more lives in our community. We added over 200 new volunteers and welcomed 9 new staffers to our team. Together, we've achieved more than we could have ever hoped for, even with the limitations of our aging facility.

There's so much more we can accomplish. We're excited to announce that we are taking the first steps towards the biggest shelter renovation in our 66-year history. Our dream team consists of J.E. Charlotte Construction, Leader Design Studio, DWY Landscape Architects, and AM Engineering, Inc. It's a long road ahead, but with our team and your support, we're one step closer to achieving our vision of a community where all animals are cared for and loved.

HSSC IS GROWING!



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YEAR IN REVIEW: 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, HSSC ACCOMPLISHED INCREDIBLE THINGS IN 2017

LENDING A HELPING PAW

As Hurricane Irma barreled toward Florida, we reduced adoption fees to "Clear the Shelter" so we would have space to take in animals from impacted areas. Staff members worked tirelessly in the days before the storm to prepare the shelter. A small crew of brave staffers hunkered down on premises during the storm to care for the animals here, ready to be the first line of defense if disaster struck. When the storm passed, we welcomed many animals from Florida shelters, including Sarah, a 10-year-old dog from Naples who was adopted almost immediately after arriving at HSSC.

After Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico, HSSC answered the call for help and took in **38 dogs**, all of whom were brought to the mainland via the rescue efforts of the Humane Society of the United States.

We would not be able to care for over **1,600 animals** each year were it not for the generosity of individuals, corporations, and foundations. We are especially grateful to our Foundation Partner, the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. Their \$25,000 grant made our "Clear the Shelter" campaign possible and provided medical care for animals affected by the hurricanes.



HURRICANE IRMA: STAFF QUARTERS DURING THE STORM



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We LOVE our
Foundation Partner!



Calm before the storm

THE STAFF THAT NEVER STOPS

Our staff members have been known to take their work home with them. While our shelter excels at efficiently handling up to 200 animals at a time, there are those special cases that require overtime. **Corrie, Ginny, and John** are just three of the **39 HSSC employees** who go above and beyond for animals every day.

- Adoption Counselor **Corrie Potter** almost always has a foster kitten (or two, or three) she's bottle feeding. When sweet little Peter Pan wasn't growing, it was Corrie who nursed him through until he was big enough for adoption.
- Our Community Outreach Coordinator, **Ginny Armington**, is the resident feral cat whisperer, often taking the most skittish cats home to give them the extra attention they need. She no longer has personal pets so she can remain available to foster shelter cats and dogs. This is all after she spends the work day wrangling children at our Fur Fun camps and managing our Pet Therapy and Humane Education Programs.
- When anxious pet owners reach out to **John Pfohler**, our K-9 Behavior Specialist, he goes out of his way to advise them, even visiting their homes for consultations when needed.



PETER PAN: AN HSSC FOSTER SUCCESS STORY



THE ANIMAL CLINIC TURNS 2!

It started with a simple vision: make quality, affordable veterinary care accessible to everyone in our community.

Although Sarasota is an affluent area, there are many people who cannot afford comprehensive care for their beloved cats and dogs. One of HSSC's core values is "to promote responsible pet ownership, and not being able to afford medical care is a frequent reason for animals being surrendered to shelters. Since opening its doors in February 2016, the Animal Clinic of the Humane Society of Sarasota County has treated over **6,000 patients** and completed

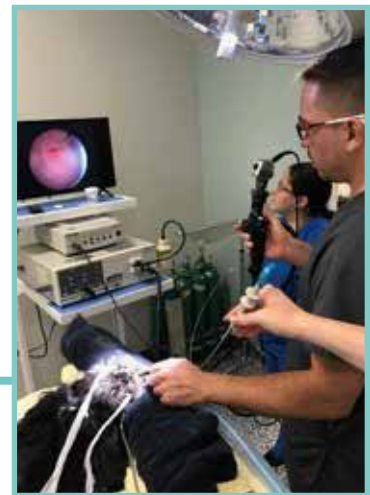
over **10,000 appointments**. And because the Animal Clinic is a program of the Humane Society of Sarasota County, all proceeds support the shelter.

To reduce animal homelessness and overpopulation in our community, we believe in paying it forward to other organizations. When animals at Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Animal Services require advanced medical care, our clinic treats these animals at no cost thanks to our community partnerships. We hope to continue to expand our partnerships and our overall impact in 2018.



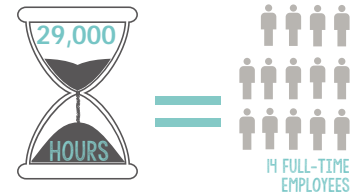
Benny (pictured left) visited us for treatment for an ear infection, and of course, his big brother Teddy (pictured right) accompanied him for moral support.

Our state-of-the-art endoscope (donated by the Monte Foundation) allows our vets to see inside a pet to evaluate health concerns. The scope attachment can even grab and remove objects, keeping the pet from having to undergo major surgery.



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM MAKEOVER

Volunteering isn't all walking dogs and petting cats. It's hard work! To make sure that everyone knows what to expect from volunteering at HSSC, we recently revamped our application and orientation process. The process now kicks off with a Volunteer Information Session where potential volunteers learn about HSSC and the in's and out's of volunteering before moving on to the training process. We believe these changes will make for a more rewarding experience for everyone involved. To learn more about volunteering at HSSC, visit www.hssc.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/.



HSSC is lucky to have over 450 dedicated volunteers. They gave **29,000 hours** of their time to HSSC in 2017—that's equivalent to 14 full-time employees. **We could not survive without them.**

KIDDIN' AROUND AT FUR FUN CAMP

Every summer, nearly **100 children** ages 6-12 descend on the shelter for seven weeks of Fur Fun Summer Camp. For those who can't wait until summer, HSSC is offering a Spring Bonanza Day Camp on **March 24, 2018**. The cost is \$60 per child. Register at www.hssc.org. Stay tuned for Summer Camp dates. And for the older children (ages 12-15), the Teen Club application period begins in June.

Campers were delighted by llamas, sheep, mini pigs, chickens, bunnies, and more during the first-ever Fur Fun Winter Camp, held January 4-5, 2018.



PET THERAPY TEAMS ON A MISSION

HSSC is building an army of Pet Therapy teams. Their mission: spread comfort one tail wag at a time. This Army of **over 80** highly trained and certified human-canine teams deploys to places where people need a little joy. Here are a few of the **over 55 sites** they visit:

- Pet Therapy teams visit students at Ringling College and New College during exam week.
- They assist with Humane Education presentations at schools all around the county, helping to instill compassion and respect for animals in the next generation.
- With their nurturing, non-judgmental presence, the Pet Therapy teams even help children improve their reading skills.
- Teams regularly visit the staff of Sarasota Memorial Hospital for a "Pause Pause," but their presence was never more welcome than immediately after Hurricane Irma. The SMH staff had been working non-stop during the storm to care for over 600 patients. The Pet Therapy dogs brought some much-needed stress relief.

We are always adding new sites, and we look forward to spreading more joy in the community in 2018. *(Pictured at right are our Pet Therapy teams in action.)*



OFFSITE BUT ALWAYS IN-SIGHT

Whether we're taking our Mobile Adoption Center "Big MAC" for a spin around St. Armands Circle or manning our table at the Phillippi Farmhouse Market, there's a good chance you'll see HSSC adoptable pets and volunteers out in the community. In 2017, we attended over **60 community events**, and that's not counting the **5 special events** we hosted ourselves. There's nothing we love more than a party for a good cause. We hope to see you out and about in 2018.



The lovely ladies of Eldridge Body Shop —the 2017 Title Sponsor for the 13th Annual Humane Society Golf Tournament.



Jeff & Joanna Roberti enjoy their evening as "Best in Show" sponsor of the 25th Annual Hot Dogs & Cool Cats Gala.

GEARING UP FOR THE GIVING CHALLENGE

After taking a year off in 2017, the much-loved 24-hour Giving Challenge is happening **May 1-2, 2018**. The Giving Challenge is presented by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County with giving strengthened by the Patterson Foundation. In 2016, we were fortunate to receive 540 gifts. With matching funds, we raised over \$96,000! Over 600 local nonprofits are participating, and HSSC is gearing up for another great Giving Challenge

All donations must all be made online between 12pm on May 1 and 11:59am on May 2. The Patterson Foundation will provide a 1:1 match for all unique donations up to \$100 per donor, per organization. Learn more at www.givingpartnerchallenge.org.



If you're interested in having HSSC participate in an event at your business, or if you'd like to host an event or drive to benefit HSSC, please contact Nalani Simpson at 941.955.4131 x103.

2017 MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

IN MEMORY OF PERSON

Alexander DiGirolamo

Paula Melo

Alexander Thurmond

Mi-Way, Inc.

Alfred Jack Foulds

Angelo & Carol Alessandra

Anthony & Nancy Bollers

Jeffrey & Nancy Hannon

Lawrence & Dianne Higgins

Monika Antosy

Ronald & Michelle Tenaglia

Rosemary Beere

Suanna Eisenbeis

Thomas & Patricia McAuliffe

Theresa Fernandes

Barry Haber

Victor Soltis

Bernard Dunbrack

Elanda Fazenbaker

Bert Marshall Clark

Melissa Sykes

Betty Furman

Jesse & Carolyn Ellington

Bobby Logan

Richard Greene

Bruce Americus

Steve & Deborah Winters

Carrie Lutz

Michael & Marsha Svirsky

Nancy Ferraro

Christine Krause

Harald Krause

Cliff Wildes

Silver VanDiepen

Clyde Behanna

Jean Maykuth

Cyrus "Chuck" Judson

Bob & Annette Dahlin

Carolyn Hereford

Dicky & Ginny Thornburgh

Donna Malvicini

Fred & Josephine Falkner

Gene & Carole Mazzola

Jeanne Malone

Jim Newkirk

Julie Lago

Patricia Vita

Perry Hill School

Richard & Ann Owens

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Vincent & Lynn Billi

Dianne Montessoro

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Society

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Donald Foster

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Jack Caulk

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Gloria Wall

Margaret Szlabonyi

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Janet Doolittle Bruce

Sun Hydraulics

Jean Burdick

Nancy O'Neil

Jeanette Sankes

Wendy Belling

John F. Brouder

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John Heim

Diane Farrell

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Joseph Grossi

Robert Denmead

Joseph Lamielle

Renee Wilcox

Joyce Meyer

Patricia Grams

Kim Crary

Joan Verizzo

Kathleen Larkin

Out with the Girls

Kathy Miles

Little Scholars Preschool

Lawrence Zimmermann

Shirley Zimmermann

Linda Giordano

Joseph Giordano

Linda Tomyl

Doctors Hospital of Sarasota

Maureen Treglowne

Keith Stockwell

Martha Pembroke

Catherine Hawkins

Michael Parks

Bobbie Parks

Pam Schaetzel

Steven Silverman

Phoebe V. Smith

Georgianna Cooper

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National Association of

Letter Carriers

Sallie Kauffman

Robert Golden

Sharron Withee

Susan Nachand

Sherry C. Moore

Janet Santosuosso

Michael & Marsha Svirsky

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J&D Enterprises of

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Susan McCormack

Sarasota Herald-Tribune

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Tyler

Thomas & Catherine

Thomaides

Wayne Kyle

Dave & Joanne Dillon

William J. Smith

Kathie Smith

William Raczkowski

Angie Adams

Robert Moss

"Your Dear Mom"

Steve & Deborah Winters

IN MEMORY OF PET

Angel

Sharlya Gold

Annabelle

Fernando & Kristi Cuza

Annie, Teddy, Molly,

Shamus, Samantha, &

Karlie

Linda Kelly

Aria

Frank & Anita Countryman

Arthur

Alan Kasow

Bailey

News of Kings Point

Bam-Bee

Ruth Seiler

Barkley, Banjo, & Boozer

Robert & Keena Kolesa

Barney

Phil Doherty

Bella & Susie Dillas

Susan Harris

Brody

Gregory Schmettmann

Bruce & Rocko

Lois Kopec

Bubbles

Susan Marks

Cali Segerlind

Fern Segerlind

Casper Lehner

Kathleen Lehner

Samuel & Lois Schnitta

Cheyenne

John Arentz

Chloe

David Johnson

Cleo

Josephine Learned

Cody

Vincent & Lynn Billi

Cross Shamp

Susan Kral

Dixie

Joyce Scott

Sherwin Jacobson

Duke

Vincent & Lynn Billi

Elfie

Ken Schade

2017 MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Gizmo

Margot George

Gus

Alan Hood

Huntly

Pat Nelson

Jake

Ellen Roper

Jam & Pongo

David Bullock

Jenny

Nicole Loomis

Jessie

News of Kings Point

Joey

Susan Ord

Kadin

Hector & Ellen

Katy

Jim & Patricia Derryberry

Kratos

Charles Corbin

Lacy

Molly Schechter

Lexi

Harrison Butto

Lily Lou Doery

Stan & Ronna Ross

Little Guy

Allan Windt

Loki

Diane Schmidt

London

Richard & Kathryn Stern

Mac

Mary Laroche

Eileen Brennan Randall

Madeline

Ann Ryan

Gregory & Maureen Diaczok

Madison

Allison Greene

Marcie Johnson's Kitty

Brenda Stocks

Marty

Diane Adams

Max Willis

Susan Morrow

Mikey

Pauline Parrish

Mr. Hogan

Archer Wright

Nelle

Pam Goldman

Oliver Gibson

Sonia Gibson

Oscar

Laurence Levine

Pearl Stevens

Bob & Terri Heidger

Pepper & Morgan

Robert & Patricia Brown

Roger & Lydia Miles

Picasso

Megan McDonald

Pinky

Lewis & Merrily Smith

Reggie

Jane Woods

Rolex, Blaise, & Toby

James & Marcia Norris

Sam

Joan Nixon

Sandy

Jacqueline Moore

Sea Biscuit

Karen Pitts

Shaggy

Steven & Beth Shapiro

Shelby

Carol Carr

Sherry Weir

Susan Riedel

Smokey Turner

James & Toni Turner

Sonoma & Mango

Michel Lipman

Sophie

William Martin

Sox

Bernice Stern

Stella Kreiser

Lunell Owens

TG

Joan Fox

Winston, Belle, & Rocco

Jill Faccenda

IIN HONOR OF PERSON

Art Ferguson's Birthday

Teresa Jones

Barbara Dubinsky

Elizabeth Ruth

Bill & Andrea Clarkson

Scott Albertson

Candice Hunter

Jim Hunter

Chris & Carroll Brown

Richard & Jennifer

Starowesky

Colleen Darby's 90th

Birthday

Cecile Adams

David & Paige Wyant

Andrea Silvergleit

Dr. Sheri Weinstein

Connie Goldman

Laurie Smith

Elizabeth LaForge's 100th

Birthday

Paul & Kay Falkenhan

William & Andrea Weber

Emily Fairchild's 40th

Birthday

Bonnie Puls

Harlow Wildman's

Birthday

Jerry & Enid Wildman

Jim Ferguson's Birthday

Lisa Eldridge-Ferguson

Teresa Jones

Joanne Peterson's

Birthday

Cornerstone Wealth

Management Group

Joe Holzer

Emily Kersten

Josephine K. Learned

Judith Shannon

Karen Kossove & Ayne

Stag

Pam Young

Karen Silverberg

Richard & Janet Shalkop

Kelly Dean's Birthday

Lindy Smith

Lexi Latowski

Roy & Rebecca Templin

Lisa Eldridge-Ferguson's

Birthday

Deidre Ferguson

Marge Kinstler

Charlotte Hodes

Maribeth Cuccia's Birthday

Jane Wiltshire

Marjorie Henry

Paul Thomas

Mary Antak's Birthday

Susan Dupper

Mary Koctur

Carolyn Simmons

Matthew Pivko

Barbara Pivko

Melenize Graves & Colby

George Allen

Michael D. Young

Laura Young

Mrs. Daphne Glassman's

90th Birthday

David & Ursula Schiff

Ms. Beals

Susan Pardue

Nan Brunson

Stacey Cohl

Naomi Litvin & David

Landay

M.A. Salisbury

Patsy Karp

Paulette Wittwer

Paula Dorff

Louis Dorff

Ralph Smith

Richard & Jennifer

Starowesky

Steve Stockwell

Amanda Cloutier

Suzanne M. Ray

Dana Maratta

Suzanne Reiman

Andrew Reiman

Thomas Bahring

Sara Fischer

Vanessa Latowki

Roy & Rebecca Templin

Vickie Grosvenor

Judy Martinez

IN HONOR OF PET

Cora the Kitten

Coral Lee Ramsey

Jackson Pollack

Jennifer Pipa

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Michael Havlik

Memorials & Honorariums received

8/14/2017-12/31/2017

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SAVE THE DATE

12th Annual**Paws on the Catwalk Luncheon**

March 29, 2018

The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota

Purchase Tickets at

www.hssc.org/pawsonthecatwalk/

Lido Beach Spring**Fine Art Festival**

April 7-8, 2018

Lido Beach

Venice Seafood & Music Festival

May 5-6, 2018

Downtown Venice

Paddle Paws

June 2, 2018

Ken Thompson Park

14th Annual Humane Society**Golf Tournament**

September 29, 2018

Laurel Oak Country Club

Visit www.hssc.org for a complete list of upcoming events.

LET LOVE BE YOUR LEGACY

Tax season is upon us. While you're spending time with your financial advisors and tax professionals, perhaps take the opportunity to evaluate your will or estate plans. Charitable giving is not just for the wealthy. It's for anyone who wants their legacy of love to live beyond their lifetime while also fulfilling financial goals and objectives. We hope you will consider a planned gift to HSSC, as these gifts make a huge impact on our ability to continue our lifesaving mission for years to come. There are many ways to make a planned gift, and you can learn more about how your legacy can benefit at HSSC by visiting www.hssc.org/how-to-contribute/ or by calling Christen Benson at 941.955.4131 x102.

OUR MISSION

As the area's premier no-kill shelter, the Humane Society of Sarasota County engages the hearts, hands, and minds of the community to help animals.

OUR VISION

A community where all animals are cared for and loved.

OUR VALUES

We achieve our mission by providing compassionate care to our shelter pets, finding them permanent homes, and promoting responsible pet ownership in our community.

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