

# QUARTERLY TALES

LEE COUNTY DOMESTIC ANIMAL SERVICES

## 2016 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

### Message from the Director

We are very excited about the things happening at Lee County Domestic Animal Services. The new dog kennel doors and new catteries look amazing. The staff and volunteers continue to do an outstanding job making sure the thousands of animals that enter our shelter each year are well taken care of. Kitten season runs from April-November so now is the time to prevent unwanted litters of feral and free-roaming cats. Help ensure a safe and compassionate community for people and pets by being a part of the solution. This can be accomplished through fostering shelter pets and by sterilizing pets and feral cats. For more information about the foster program, volunteering and a complete list of items needed, go to [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://www.LeeLostPets.com). Information about the Trap-Neuter-Return program is also available online, by calling 239-533-9234 or via e-mail at [spay@leegov.com](mailto:spay@leegov.com).



Please visit us and help place one of our animals in their forever home. We are also in need of some good volunteers and foster homes. Please consider joining us in this endeavor by printing the applications listed in forms/links, filling them out and dropping them off at LCDAS. More information can be found on pages 2 and 5 of this newsletter.

LCDAS is proud to announce that we are hosting another seminar by Dogs Playing for Life™. This is a 3-day session scheduled for October 25th-27th, 2016.

A big "Thank You" to all of our hard working staff at LCDAS. We appreciate all that you do every day.

Note to the Volunteers: Thank you for being our hand, you simply make our loads lighter and smoother. We want you to know that we appreciate your kind heart and hard work.

Thank You!

Mack Young, Director



# IN THE COMMUNITY

LCDAS relies on community involvement through donations and volunteerism to ensure that the animals in our care and in the community are able to receive the best services we are able to provide. Our Pet Pantry relies on donations of pet food and supplies from the community to help feed our pets during the high volume kitten season as well as community pets whose owners require this important assistance. Thank you to volunteers, foster homes, donors and all of our supporters in the community!

Many thanks to the employees of the Target Stores in Lee, Collier and Charlotte. They came to the shelter on July 13th with food and supplies as well as monetary donations. They also helped organize our Pet Pantry, fold laundry and stuffed adoption packets. There was also a little time left to meet with some very cute and special residents of the shelter.


The dogs of LCDAS woke up to a sea of yellow shirts the morning of the 4th of July! Our small army of volunteers cleaned kennels, freshened up the bedding and got all the dogs out twice. Thanks Kelly, Chad, Virginia, Maureen, Anna, Cindy and Mona!



## IMPORTANT LINKS

To donate food and/or supplies, click on 

To learn about our volunteer program, click on 

For monetary donations, click on 

To foster, click on 

# Rescue Partner Spotlight: Love is Furever Dog Rescue



Love Is Fur Ever Dog Rescue and Lee County Domestic Animal Services have the privilege and opportunity to work together to help our local community. This is something our rescue really enjoys doing and is a really cool thing that encompasses our entire county. It starts with the kind and selfless people of our community and local shelter.

As many of you may know, hundreds of dogs/cats are surrendered, homeless, abused, or found roaming the streets. Love Is Fur Ever Dog Rescue, along with other area rescues, work with LCDAS to help these families, dogs and cats in need. Our partnership with Lee County Domestic Animal Services is quite extraordinary. All the dogs coming into Lee County are vetted, loved, fed, and cared for. LCDAS reaches out to our rescue when the capacity exceeds its limits. Not only that, Love Is Fur Ever Dog Rescue keeps a close eye out on the social networks. Many times when we see dogs that are posted "lost" or "found" on the streets we immediately contact the shelter supervisor to let her know that we will pull this dog as soon as the stray hold is up. This helps keep more spots open in the shelter for the incoming dogs.

We could not do it without our supportive volunteers, donations, adopters, our local vet team and all the help we get from EVERY staff member at LCDAS.

Thank you LCDAS for ALL you do!

To get involved and make a difference please visit us at:



"Because Every LIFE Has A Purpose"

Sincerely, LIFE Crew

Victoria Frazier, Founder

## Event Spotlight

### FLIP THIS KENNEL COMPETITION



Lee County Animal Services celebrated Adopt a Shelter Pet Day on April 30 in conjunction with the first annual "Flip This Kennel" competition.

April 30 was National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day and Lee County Domestic Animal Services celebrated by reducing pet adoption fees and including a free collar, leash or toy with each adoption.

The event kicked off with Animal Services' first annual "Flip This Kennel" competition. The public was invited to vote for their favorite kennel or cattery decorations. Everyone who voted was eligible for a prize drawing at the end of the competition on Saturday, May 7.

Much fun was had by all competitors and some of our long term residents found homes by the end of this event!





# WAYS TO THANK YOUR SHELTER

Adopt a Best Friend. Animals make great companions, but having a pet is a big responsibility and it involves a lifelong commitment. When you're ready to adopt follow the link to find pets in your area:



Take an hour or two out of your day to stop by your local shelter during public hours and see firsthand how things work. If you'd like to become more involved, find out how you can volunteer.



Donating to your local shelter is as simple as writing a check and dropping it in the mail or picking up an item on the shelter's wish list during your next shopping trip.

Help children learn about the importance of being kind to animals.

Providing quality food, water and shelter is important, but also provide identification tags and proper supervision while outdoors. Keep your pet healthy

and up-to-date on all vaccinations by visiting the veterinarian regularly .

Local shelters are most often on the front lines during natural disasters such as hurricanes. Would you know what to do in the event of a flood, tornado or fire?

Your local animal shelter and animal control agency not only take in homeless animals, but also rescue injured, neglected and abused critters. Assist them by letting them know if you suspect animal cruelty in your community.

Does the community that your local shelter serves understand and appreciate the shelter's dedication to animals? Tell your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors about the importance of supporting animal shelters and their staff.

Spaying or neutering your pet is one of the most important things you can do to reduce the number of homeless pets in your community.

Finally, a thank you to shelter workers and volunteers cannot be overstated!

Lee County Domestic Animal Services is the municipal shelter for Lee County FL. Our annual intake is approximately 10,000 animals annually. Animal Services is dedicated to providing public safety via our Field Service, investigating suspected cases of animal cruelty and neglect, ensuring compliance with county ordinances, providing a safe haven for adoptable dogs and cats and assisting the public in finding their forever pets. Our shelter also has an active spay-neuter program for dogs and cats with owners on public assistance, an active Trap-Neuter-Return program and a Barn Buddy Program, a Pet Pantry and an Animal Care Trust Fund. Visitors are encouraged to visit our adoption center Monday-Saturday from 10:30 am until 3:30 pm!

