

Humane Happenings



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Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

When most of us think of October, we think of witches, goblins, ghosts and the first signs of fall. A lesser-known fact about October is that it also happens to be Adopt-A-Shelter Dog month. The ASPCA started this to promote adoption and raise awareness of the millions of dogs living in shelters throughout the United States. Whether you're able to adopt a dog or not—the following are ways to support shelters during October and throughout the year.

1. Visit local shelters or attend off-site adoption events to find a dog to adopt.
2. Attend shelter fundraising events, including pet fairs, many of which are held in October. Watch for us at the Pet Fair in November on the Square in Inverness. Even if you can't adopt a dog or already have your quota, you can still attend a pet fair and patronize pet-related vendors, enter raffles, contests and participate in various other activities. You can also bring your dog along.

3. Donate supplies, money and/or your time to a local animal shelter or rescue.

4. Enter your dog's photo in our annual Valentine photo contest and let other pooch parents know about it as well. This is one of our major fundraisers during the year and it's an easy way for you to help. There are various prizes, including having your baby's face adorn our website. (More info later)

5. Tell everyone you know that October is Adopt-A-Shelter Dog Month and ask them what they're waiting for. The dog of their dreams is waiting to be rescued. Take a look at the beautiful pups on our website at www.roomforonemore.net on the Homes Wanted page.

Our Mission:

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF CITRUS COUNTY FL INC IS A 501(C)3 CORPORATION DEDICATED TO THE PROTECTION OF ALL ANIMALS. IT IS OUR GOAL TO RESCUE AND FIND FOREVER HOMES FOR AS MANY ABANDONED, ABUSED PETS AS POSSIBLE AND TO TRY TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC TO THE IMPORTANCE OF SPAY/NEUTER TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM OF THE OVER-POPULATION OF UNWANTED, ABUSED, ABANDONED PETS..

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NOVEMBER "PROM" POSTPONED

Due to a lack of support and interest, we have postponed our Prom fundraiser until February 13, 2010. Hopefully we will get more of a response then. Keep the date open for our Valentine's Day dinner and dance.



**OUTFITTING YOUR
DOG IN A HALLOWEEN
COSTUME?**

- ◆ **DON'T FORCE YOUR DOG TO WEAR A COSTUME IF HE DOESN'T WANT TO**
- ◆ **ENERGY LEVEL? IF HE'S HYPER, USE SIMPLE ONE PIECE**
- ◆ **MAKE SURE IT'S THE RIGHT SIZE SO YOUR DOG DOESN'T HARM HIMSELF**
- ◆ **WATCH FOR PIECES THAT CAN BE CHEWED OFF AND CHOKED ON**
- ◆ **MAKE SURE THE COSTUME DOESN'T HINDER HIS RELIEVING HIMSELF**
- ◆ **DON'T USE CHEAP COSTUMES THAT CAN TEAR OR TRIP**
- ◆ **LET YOUR DOG WEAR HIS COSTUME BEFORE THE BIG DAY SO HE'S USE TO IT**
- ◆ **WATCH FOR FIRE HAZARDS WHILE YOUR DOG IS IN COSTUME**
- ◆ **HAVE FUN**

DOGS AND FLU WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Until recently, it was thought that dogs didn't get the flu.

But in 2004, researchers looking at unexplained deaths of greyhounds at dog racing tracks discovered a new influenza virus that can infect dogs. Since then, the virus has been found in 30 states and Washington D.C. Now it's another thing dog owners need to be aware of.

1. What are the symptoms of dog flu?

Diagnosing dog flu can be difficult. That's because dog flu symptoms — a low fever, persistent cough, runny nose, and just feeling blah — are the same as some other common respiratory diseases. A test is needed to confirm the diagnosis.

2. Can people catch the flu from their dog, and vice versa?

Although people and dogs can catch influenza viruses, they are susceptible to different strains of the virus. For that reason, people don't need to worry about catching the flu from their dog.

3. How serious is dog flu?

If your pet gets the flu, don't panic. The virus isn't highly dangerous. But just as with people, dog flu can lead to secondary infections that could develop into life-threatening pneumonia. But most dogs, with the proper veterinary care, aren't impacted severely. Nearly 100% of dogs exposed to dog flu catch it, and 80% will show symptoms within four days.

4. How likely is my dog to catch dog flu?

High-risk areas for catching dog flu include boarding kennels, shelters, doggie daycares, and dog parks.

6. Should my dog get the dog flu vaccine?

A dog flu vaccine, approved in the spring of 2009, is now available at veterinary offices. For most dogs, the flu is little more than an inconvenience. People just need to talk to their vet about their risk and whether their pet needs a vaccination. INFO TAKEN FROM WEB MD

WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

Before heading out to the store, go to www.goodsearch.com and select the Humane Society of Citrus County as your favorite charity. You can shop online at Wal-Mart, Pet Smart, Barnes & Noble, Office Depot and many other stores and we receive a percent of the sale. Also, check out www.humanesocietycitrus.com and click on the Pet ID and Stuffed Adoptions links. Remember also to go to www.freekibble.com to help feed shelter animals.



SOME OF OUR HAPPY TAILS!



JUDGE & NEW MOM



PRINCESS & NEW DAD



TRINITY & NEW FAMILY



OLIVER & NEW FAMILY



ROSIE & NEW DAD



LUCKY & NEW FAMILY



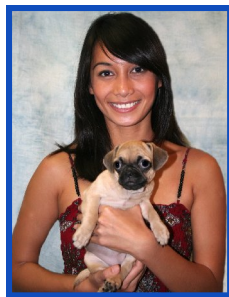
MISHA & NEW MOM



MAX & NEW BEST FRIEND



LIZA & NEW MOM



SHILA & NEW MOM



SAMMIE & NEW MOM & DAD



LOLLI & NEW MOM & DAD



JAX & NEW MOM



BELLE & NEW MOM

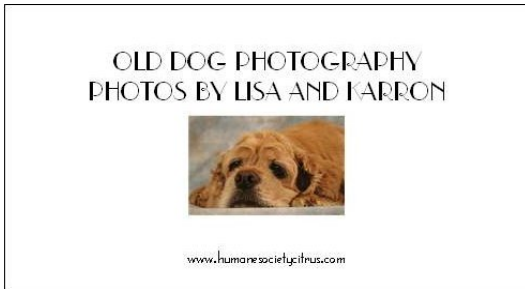


SUGAR & SPICE & NEW MOM & AUNT



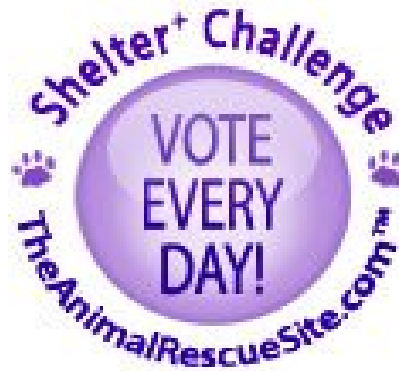
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EASY WAY TO HELP



Christmas will be here before we know it so now is the time to start planning for the perfect photo gift. **Old Dog Photography**, now located at Paws-itively Pets, will take that perfect photo of you and your pet or just your pet and create your photos for you. You can also purchase a gift certificate so all your friends can have a photo taken also. To make an appointment for your photography session, call us at 352-341-2222 and let us know when is convenient for you. When you purchase photos or gift certificates, you help the many rescue pets that come through our doors.

HELP US WIN



The Animal Rescue Site is awarding \$100,000 in grants to eligible Petfinder.com member rescue organizations to help shelter animals. The

grand prize is a \$20,000 grant, and there are many other prizes! Please visit www.theanimalrescuesite.com to vote EVERY DAY. We really need your help and this is an easy way to show how much you care. You don't have to register, and voting is free. Keep trying if the site is busy. Support Room For One More and vote today! After you click on Feed the Animals, you will go to the voting page. At the very top, click on Vote. Enter "Room For One More" in Florida and Vote. That's all there is to it. And remember, please vote EVERY DAY

THANKS TO OUR SEPTEMBER SUPPORTERS

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- * Benny & Karen Morris
- In Memory of Joe Gallenstein
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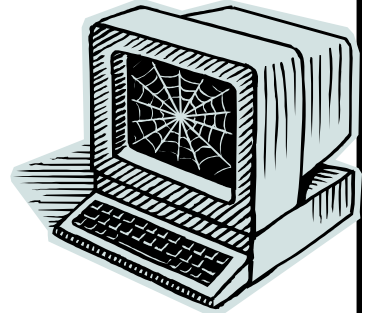
PET TIP OF THE MONTH



The biggest mistake dog owners make is that they forget dogs are animals. We humanize dogs, as it pleases the human inside of us to do so. Too many times we humans use dogs to satisfy our own needs, and overlook the fact that our fellow canines, what we call man's best friend, have their own needs. People do not think about what the "animal" in their dog needs. Dogs help people, and it's high time people start helping the dogs by taking a step back and seeing it is an animal, learning what the animal needs and giving it to them. Then, and only then, can we also be our dogs *best friend*.

WE'RE ON THE WEB
AT:

www.humanesocietycitrus.com



IMPORTANT: November is Adopt a Senior Pet Month

Looking For Their Forever Homes



SQUIRREL



RAGGS



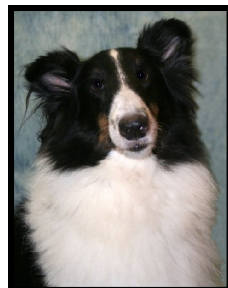
BUSTER



CLIPPER



FLICKER



ZIGGY



DESTINY



CHAZ

The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil but because of those who look on and do nothing.

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PETS ADOPTION
CENTER**

NEXT GENERAL

MEETING:

**November 7, 2009
10 AM**

New Members, Volunteers and guests are always welcome to join us at our monthly meetings. We are always looking for new ideas to help rescue more of the many pets who find our door. Please join us!

DONATIONS

The Humane Society of Citrus County FL Inc. receives no funding from any State or Local agency. We do not receive funds from the Humane Society of the United States. That's why local donations are so important to the continued success of our Mission. Thanks for your support.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"I care not for a man's religion whose dog and cat are not the better for it" ~ Abraham Lincoln



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