

# Humane Happenings



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## ***Adopt a Shelter Dog Month***

With nearly 10 million animals entering local shelters across the country each year, Adopt a Shelter Dog Month helps focus attention on the pet population problem we face in this country.

October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month. People who are looking for "man's best friend" should check out the millions of dogs available at local shelters before considering buying a dog from a breeder or pet store. Adopting a dog not only helps save a life, it brings companionship and unconditional love into a home.

Contrary to popular belief, being a problem dog is not the main reason dogs end up in shelters. There are many reasons for relinquishing a pet. With the economy in turmoil, many families are finding themselves in a situation where hard choices have to be made and the family pet is first in the line of fire. New babies, death of the owner and change in lifestyle are other reasons.

Shelter dogs come in all shapes and sizes, colors and breeds. So please, when you are ready for your new best friend, check with your local shelter first. A life depends on it!

### 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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## ***Red Hat Society of Citrus Health & Rehabilitation Center Makes Donation***



These are some of the members of the Red Hat Chapter 69001 from the Citrus Health and Rehabilitation Center. They did a pet food drive in honor of Adopt-A-Shelter Dog month. The pet food was presented to us at their Community Support Meeting on October 8th. Those in the photo are: (L to R) Betty Shelick, Marge Bonner, Tracie Batten (Activity Co-Director), Sarah Boger, Sandy Ferrell (Activities), and Wanda Canino. We thank them for their support.

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**WHY PETS ARE  
BETTER THAN KIDS!**

- ◆ THEY EAT LESS
- ◆ THEY DON'T ASK FOR MONEY ALL THE TIME
- ◆ THEY ARE EASIER TO TRAIN
- ◆ THEY NORMALLY COME WHEN CALLED
- ◆ THEY NEVER ASK TO BORROW THE CAR
- ◆ THEY DON'T HANG OUT WITH DRUG-USING FRIENDS
- ◆ THEY DON'T SMOKE OR DRINK
- ◆ THEY DON'T HAVE TO BUY THE LATEST FASHIONS
- ◆ THEY DON'T WANT TO WEAR YOUR CLOTHES
- ◆ THEY DON'T NEED A "GAZILLION" DOLLARS FOR COLLEGE
- ◆ AND FINALLY, IF THEY GET PREGNANT, YOU CAN FIND NEW HOMES FOR THEIR KIDS

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***PLASTIC BAGS ARE DEADLY TO YOUR DOG!***

From Anne Mackey  
Charlotte, NC

"Our 9 month old Sheltie puppy, Ellie, suffered a tragic, sudden, senseless death this past Friday. She suffocated to death on a bag liner that was inside a box of Cheez-its crackers. We were out for the evening and someone had left a box of Cheez-its within Ella's reach. She put her head inside the bag inside the box to get to the crackers. The bag came out of the box but she couldn't get it off of her head. We came home and found her dead from suffocation. It doesn't seem possible that a dog couldn't get a bag off their head but they can't.

I have since learned that this occurs more often than you would imagine. There was also a family whose 6 year old Labrador got hold of a Doritos bag when they weren't looking. They found him dead with the bag over his head, having died the same way as Ella. I also learned from the man who is cremating Ella for us that he has had FIVE other dogs that have died like this in the PAST MONTH! Make sure that **ALL PLASTIC BAGS AND BOXES WITH LINERS IN THEM** (chips, snack crackers, cookies, cereal, etc.) are WAY out of your pet's reach.

This tragedy has been a tremendous blow for our family. I have tried to be strong but the whole scenario has played out in my head over and over and I have been a total mess. I cannot begin to understand the senselessness of this and my heart is absolutely broken! Ella was so young and full of life...an adorable, sweet, smart, loving dog and her life was cut short way too soon!"

***AN EASY WAY TO HELP***

If you have a computer, go to **www.freekibble.com**, answer the question and 10 pieces of dog food will be donated to shelters. It is sponsored by PetCo and we are on their list and have received free food for our dogs. Please do it daily.

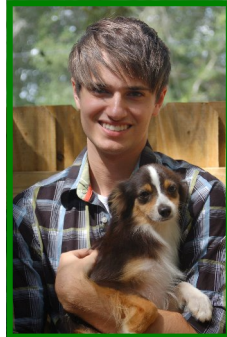
Also, visit **www.firstgiving.com/humanesocietycc** and help us reach our goal!



# SOME OF OUR HAPPY TAILS!



**TUX & NEW MOM**



**TUCKER & NEW DAD**



**NICCO & NEW MOM & DAD**



**PIPPIN & NEW MOM & DAD**



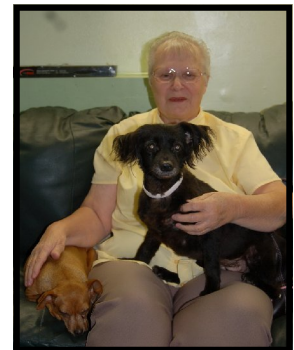
**ROPER & NAOMI & NEW FAMILY**



**PIPER GETS DAD BACK**



**GEENA & NEW MOM**



**WILLOW & NEW MOM**



**CAMI & NEW MOM & DAD**



**STITCH & NEW FAMILY**



**SYN & NEW MOM**



**ADONIS & NEW BOY**



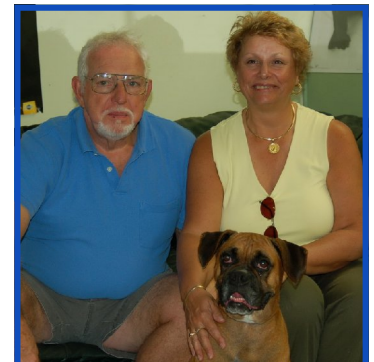
**TIA & NEW FAMILY**



**ABBY & NEW FAMILY**



**CRISSIE & TYLER & DAD**



**KALEY & NEW MOM & DAD**

## *National Junior Honor Society of Citrus Springs Middle School Has Food Drive For the Babies*

This is Morgan Clark who recently made a delivery of food and supplies collected by the National Junior Honor Society of Citrus Springs Middle School. They collected dog food, cat food and litter, treats and toys.

Of course no one can come into Paws-itively Pets without stopping to play with the kitties. And Morgan did just that and fell in love with Ashley, a sweet little Calico. I think it was love at first sight for both of them. Ashley has found a forever home.



### ***THANKS TO OUR SEPTEMBER SUPPORTERS***

- \* Genevieve Verdone
- \* Dan's Mobile Home Park
- \* Mary Alexander
- \* Terry Shadrock
- \* Charles & Rebecca Wagner
- \* Uma & Alex Burgos
- \* Anne Wallington
- \* Dr. Martin Klein
- \* Fred & Donna McEwen
- \* Petco
- \* Arthur Nichols
- \* Marilyn Berg
- \* Charles King
- \* June Fox
- \* Carol Carpenter
- \* Joe & Cheryl Barcelo
- \* Antoinette Beamer
- \* Mary Landreneau
- \* Humane Society of Inverness

# **THANK YOU!**

### PET TIP OF THE MONTH—BEQUEST FOR YOUR PET

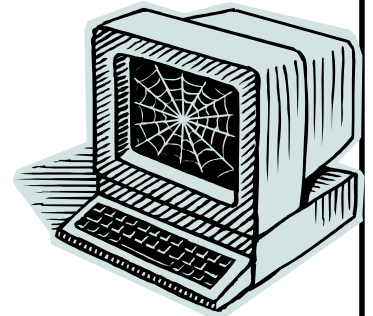
There's big news in Hawaii about a little bill that would allow residents to leave a trust for their pet's care in case of their own passing. Similar laws have been passed in seventeen other states.

This is good news for lots of pet owners, but especially elderly pet owners. When planning their estates, they can ensure that their furry friends future is secure, just as they would a family member. In this way, they don't have to worry about the fate of their pets when they are no longer there to take care of them.



**WE'RE ON THE WEB  
AT:**

[www.humanesocietycitrus.com](http://www.humanesocietycitrus.com)



**IMPORTANT:**

**November - National  
Animal Shelter Ap-  
preciation Week**



### Looking For Their Forever Homes



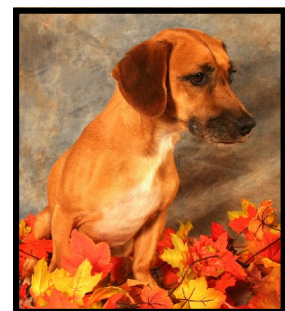
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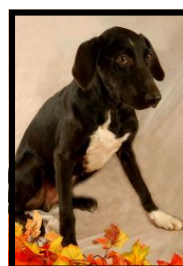
**MOJO**



**PUMPKIN**



**WENDY**



**JORDAN**



**CHAOS**

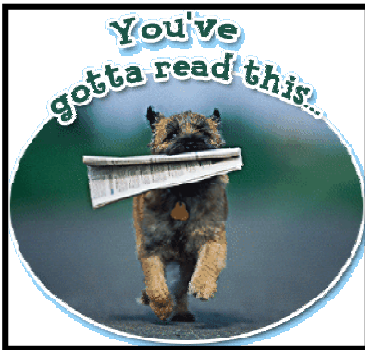
The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil but because of those who look on and do nothing.

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**PAWS-ITIVELY  
PETS ADOPTION  
CENTER**

**NEXT GENERAL  
MEETING:**

**November 1, 2008 -  
10:00 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!

**30th Anniversary &  
Blessing of the  
Animals**

Mark your calendars for December 6 at 2PM for our 30th Anniversary celebration and Blessing of the Animals at Whispering Pines Park in Inverness. More information next month.

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

***"My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$.99 a can. That's \$7 in dog money." - Joe Weinstein***



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