



THE POOP SCOOP

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MEET OUR VOLUNTEER FRONT DESK CREW

Upon entering the shelter, you'll most often be greeted by a front desk volunteer. Overseen by Board Member, Andrea Rutsky, front desk volunteers cover 2.5 hour shifts during the hours the facility is open to the public. (Friday-Sunday 11am to 4 pm) Volunteers greet visitors, answer the phone, review adoption and volunteer applications for completeness and show the public cat areas. They field calls regarding availability of posted adoptable pets, inquiries regarding lost or stray animals or how to make in-kind donations. It is a rewarding position working often getting to witness the excitement of adopters taking home their new furry family member. During occasional quiet times, socializing and cuddling the cats and kittens is definitely a perk.

Someone interested in becoming part of the front desk team should be comfortable with answering the phone, returning calls, greeting the public/potential adopters, and basic computer work. All training provided. Must be friendly, organized and comfortable interacting with guests. Please message info@hslwr.org if you're interested.

**Not Pictured: Andrea Rutsky
(Board), Linda Laughlin,
Grayson Tullio & Michelle
Papper**



Patricia Miller & Angela Carlson (Board)



Lin Runge



Linda Mazzaferro & Karen Lonicki



Nadine Stein (Board)

FALL EVENTS EXCEED EXPECTATIONS

Two of our most popular events returned in fall of 2021, Corks For Canines & Cats along with Putts Fore Mutts & Racquets for Rescues. Corks took place at Fiorelli Winery where guest enjoyed a canine red carpet walk, local wine, delicious food and fantastic music and dancing. Putts Fore Mutts and Racquets for Rescues saw over 150 athletes participating in golf, tennis and pickleball. Additional guests joined the evening festivities at the Ritz Carlton Golf & Members Club with over 250 in attendance. An inaugural helicopter ball drop started off the evening followed by dinner and an awards ceremony. Congratulations to all the winners!

HSLWR is so very grateful for all the event sponsors, donors, volunteers, and attendees. We couldn't have done it without you! Fundraising goals were exceeded and fun was had by all. Please visit our Facebook page for links to the complete photo galleries and enjoy the small selection included here.

Thank You Fall Events Sponsors

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Divas & Dogs on the Catwalk:** SAVE THE DATE Tuesday March 22nd, 2022
- **The Giving Challenge:** SAVE THE DATE April 26-27th, 2022
- **Putts Fore Mutts & Racquets for Rescues:** SAVE THE DATE Monday October 17th, 2022

Corks For Canines & Cats



Putts Fore Mutts & Racquets For Rescues



HAPPY TAILS



After Treatment

The Humane Society at Lakewood Ranch continues to leverage the generous Animal Welfare Grant from the Robert Parker Fund of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. This grant is focused on providing medical services beyond routine needs. It has been a difficult year for special needs and we couldn't have covered the cost without this grant.

We've had a number of dogs and cats with skin infections, allergies and mange that required immediate treatment. Chip is an example of a dog this grant specifically helped. Chip was a sweet nine month old lab mix. The poor little guy had a serious case of Demodex Mange. It is a parasitic skin disease caused by microscopic mites that live in the hair follicles. It often occurs in a young dog that has an immature immune system. In addition to itching, the dog loses its hair in patches, as was the case with Chip. Chip completed a month of treatment and was recently adopted into a wonderful forever home! He's enjoying his life of playing and swimming. His family loves him.

Thank you to the Robert Parker Fund!



**Before
Treatment**



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