



The Poop Scoop Quarterly Newsletter

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Thank You to the Bishop SPCA!

Our mission at the Humane Society at Lakewood Ranch is to save and find forever homes for as many dogs and cats as possible. In 2023, we saved 298 dogs and cats. To successfully rescue and rehome these animals, it requires budgeting \$50,000 a year for veterinary care. We are so very grateful for the generous grant from the **Bishop SPCA** for \$25,000 to help cover these costs. These funds will be used for veterinary services, not only covering spay/neuter, tests/vaccines, microchips and preventative medications, but also incremental medical needs. This grant saves lives!

Another critical component to successfully find homes for some special situations is investing in behavioral dog training. The Bishop SPCA grant also included \$10,000 for this critical training.

We cannot do what we do without support from our amazing community. Thank you to the Bishop SPCA! We are so very grateful!



Subaru Loves Pets

Conley Subaru once again chose Humane Society at

Lakewood Ranch (HSLWR) to partner with for the Subaru Loves Pets National Program. This was the 6th year of support and sponsorship that the HSLWR has received from the Conley family and Conley Subaru. During the month of October, they donated \$100 for every dog and cat adopted, in addition to joint marketing and gathering dog food and toys from their customers.

We received \$2,900 from the October event, which we think is awesome!

Volunteer Spotlight: Mary Ann and Joe

Mary Ann and her husband Joe moved to this area from upstate NY ten years ago. The couple have 3 children, 4 grandchildren, 3 dogs, and 1 cat. They love biking, swimming, and spending time with their grandchildren.



In 2019, Mary Ann started volunteering with the cats at HSLWR while the dog building was being built. When **Bessie**, a 4 year old Terrier mix, arrived at the shelter, Mary Ann fell in love with her, and convinced Joe to come meet her. He fell in love, too! Unfortunately, Mary Ann and Joe's home, with their four pets, would not be ideal for Bessie, so adopting her is not an

option.

Last year, Mary Ann and Joe started taking their beloved Bessie on outings to socialize her with strangers and other dogs. Bessie does so well on her outings! She loves the car, loves to give kisses, is very smart, and loves Mary Ann and Joe's granddaughter. She has gone to their pool, and even though she didn't swim, she loved to dip her toes in the water to cool off on hot summer days.

Mary Ann says that they love all the pups that come and go, but Bessie is special to them. And since Bessie has been at HSLWR so long, they will keep taking her on adventures. They appreciate all the other volunteers who do that for her as well. Their wish for the New Year is that Bessie will finally find her forever home, but until that time, Mary Ann and Joe will be there for her.



Our Happy Tails

Daisy Is Home

Daisy had been at HSLWR for over three years looking for her home. She is a senior cat, not always the most friendly in the cat room, and often overlooked. Then came Debbie. Debbie started volunteering with the cats and thought about adopting Daisy. She spent a lot of time with Daisy in her own little suite and decided she wanted to foster. Daisy fit right in with her and her daughters. Debbie reports Daisy makes sure they know when she needs a snack or its time to eat. She assists them in their tasks around the house and keeps the couch cushions warm. They absolutely love her and we are so



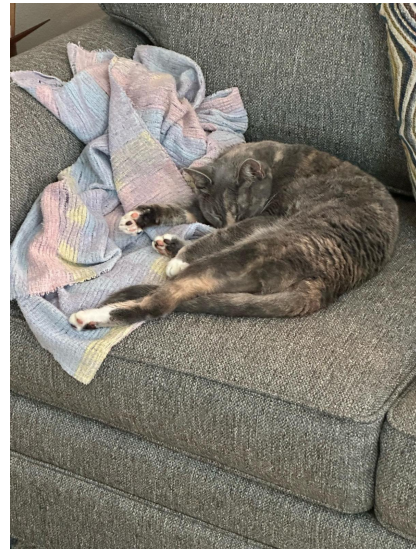
Mateo

The HSLWR brought sweet Mateo into our shelter from Manatee County Animal Welfare. He was found as a stray and his eyes were very injured. We were determined to give him the care and love he deserved. With guidance from our trusted vet, we made the decision to have Mateo's more damaged eye removed, and provided him with specialized eye treatment to save his other eye. Throughout this difficult time, Mateo's true nature blossomed, and he quickly became a favorite.

As is often the case, special needs animals take longer to find their forever home, and for Mateo, it took 5 months. Then we received a call from an amazing person. Chelsea loves and understands cattle dogs and already had two. She saw our social media posts and couldn't get Mateo out of her thoughts. She and her dogs were available to meet him on October 22, the same day as Subaru's *National Make a Dog's Day*. Chelsea and Mateo were a match. Then each of her dogs got to meet Mateo, and all had so much fun playing. Mateo – now Odin – has found his truly perfect forever family, where he loves running with his siblings in their big back yard. Witnessing him find his forever home, where he will be showered with love, is a dream come true for all of us at HSLWR, and a fairytale ending for Mateo.

Chelsea just took Mateo to an eye specialist

grateful this sweet girl finally has a forever home of her own!



and reports that his remaining eye is doing well. Daily medication is no longer needed and he has maintained some sight.

Support from sponsors like Conley Subaru made it possible. We thank you, Conley Subaru, for your continued support as we strive to save dogs and cats in our local community.

Past HSLWR Events



Pickle4Pets

This past November HSLWR was the recipient of proceeds raised in a fun day of pickleball, dogs and food held at Country Club East. We thank Pickle4Pets for hosting this fabulous event and raising funds to help us save more lives. The event was so successful it will be held again in fall of 2024. Please visit our **website** for the full photo album.

Putts Fore Mutts

We would like to thank our sponsors, golfers, guests, and volunteers for making the annual 2023 Putts Fore Mutts golf tournament at the Ritz-Carlton Members Golf Club a huge success. We hope to see you all back again this year. Mark your calendars for October 21, 2024! And please visit our **website** to enjoy the full photo album.



Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar!

- Divas and Dogs - March 15, 2024 - SOLD OUT
- Giving Challenge - April 9th - 10th, 2024
- Putts Fore Mutts - October 21, 2024
- Pickle4Pets - TBD November 2024

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We are open to the public for adoptions Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 4 pm. We do not take any

appointments-walk ins only!

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