



THE POOP SCOOP

Humane Society at Lakewood Ranch Quarterly Newsletter

January 2023 - Volume 9



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Julie Muts, Julie has been a volunteer since our early days. After moving to the area in 2012, she found HSLWR online. Sparked by her desire to volunteer with dogs in a rewarding environment and a no-kill for space rescue she completed the application process. A founding member, Fred Meyer, reached out and Julie has been with us ever since!

Julie volunteers with the dogs and plays such an important role in the adoption process by grooming our pups to help them look and feel better. Her favorite part about volunteering is when she can sit or play with a dog outside and really make a connection with them.

She describes one particular day that holds a fond memory. "One of the first dogs I fell in love with at the shelter was Missy a very large Plott Hound. This was at the old shelter building in the very beginning when we did not have the nice tall, strong crates/cages we now have. We had short white fence type enclosures and Missy was the Master Houdini herself. One day I was there doing the dog shift with Fred Meyer and we were finishing up the dishes or something and we heard a noise. We both looked back to see Missy flying through the air over the crate enclosure and off she went running through the shelter! She looked just like a horse jumping a hurdle so we nicknamed her Secretariat from that day on. We both took off after Missy. Fred went one way and I went the other and I think it took us about a half hour just to "corral" her back into her crate. We were laughing so hard because Missy just thought this was the best game ever! She was such a funny girl!!! That's one story I will never forget. So many dogs have come and gone at the shelter that have become special in my heart. Missy was the first." (con.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Divas and Dogs; A Royal Affair:** Friday March 31, 2023 - SOLD OUT!!!
- **Pickle For Pets:** COMING 2023
- **Putts Fore Mutts & Racquets For Rescues:** Monday October 23, 2023

Originally from Michigan, Julie lives in Bradenton with her husband, Serge and their fur baby Siena (HSLWR 2013). Serge works for Microsoft and she works at our local Woof Gang Bakery. Siena works from home where she is best at sleeping and getting walks and treats. She is a Border Collie/Husky mix (DNA Test Results) and she still acts like a puppy. "We call her Goose...short for Silly Goose because she makes us laugh every day. She is so hilarious! Very talkative and certainly knows what she wants. She's the best dog!!"

Although Julie's biggest passion is anything dog related, she also enjoys golfing, biking, and walking on the beach. She does miss the different seasons of Michigan and aims to be a true snowbird someday.



Julie, we are truly grateful you found HSLWR in 2012. Your passion for and contribution to caring for our animals plays a major role in our success. We couldn't do it without you!

Raise your hand if you're interested in volunteering! HSLWR is specifically in need of staffing for the reception desk at the Adoption Center. We need volunteers to represent HSLWR to greet the guests, answer phones & email, introduce folks to members of our dog adoption team and to show cats to prospective adopters. Light office work and computer use required. Shifts run 2.5 hours each (11 am - 1:30 pm and 1:30 pm to 4 pm) on Friday, Saturday and Sunday when open to the public.



Thank You 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. But, it isn't just about volume. It's about saving many with special needs often requiring additional medical treatment. We are so very grateful for the generous grant from the Bishop SPCA for \$25,000. These funds will be used for Veterinary Services to not only cover spay/ neuter, tests/vaccines, microchips, preventative medications; but also incremental medical needs. This grant will save lives. We cannot do what we do without support from our amazing community. Thank you to the Bishop SPCA!

Sweet Potato is but one example of bringing a dog in from Animal Services. She just needed love and care. Look how beautiful she was in her adoption photo. One week before Christmas she went home. She's now named Honey and is absolutely adored.

An Incredible Transformation



2022 Adoptions

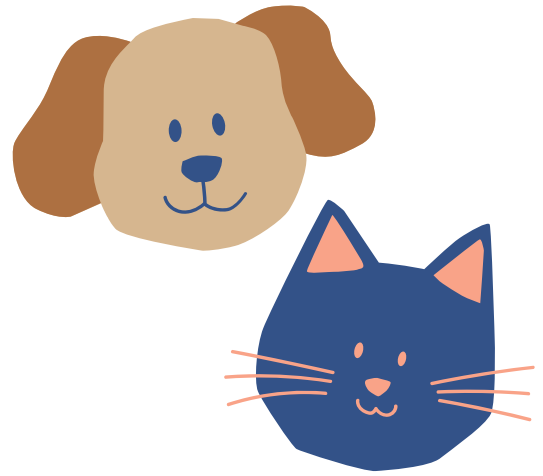
Cats - 69

Dogs - 162

We are thrilled to report we increased adoptions in 2022. We continue to strive to save more dogs and cats in our community and to grow and improve with each passing year. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to thank our amazing staff, volunteers, donors, sponsors, adopters, and the surrounding community. You are all the reason we continue to dream big and of a time when all companion animals have a loving home.

A Shelter Isn't A Home

Often shelter animals are overlooked through no fault of their own. Although our animals receive love while in our care, it doesn't compare to a forever home. We'd like to introduce you to two of our longest running residents. We could use your help in finding each of them a forever home. For every one animal adopted we are able to welcome a new resident and save another life.



Daisy Since 2/19/2021



Daisy is a 6-year-old Domestic Shorthair. This gorgeous lady has a beautiful dilute calico coat with striking eyes to match.

Daisy is a very chill cat that enjoys lounging on the patio at the shelter and laying in a bed made specifically for her. She is more of an independent cat and doesn't always want to be pet, which is how she continues to be overlooked. We believe she may open up to love a little more once settled in a home with less commotion. When she does want affection, you will know, and she will sometimes get in your lap. Daisy is indifferent when it comes to other cats. We think she could coexist with another older cat that won't get in her space.

Her adoption fee is \$75.



Bessie Since 8/25/2021

Bessie is a 3-year old Terrier mix. She is 60 pounds of pure love and she even has the cutest upright ears to add to her stunning appearance. She is definitely a people dog, as she has been great with everyone she meets, including kids, however Bessie may be a little rough for small children when it comes to playtime. This princess would prefer to be the only apple of your eye when it comes down to other furry companions. Bessie is a strong girl, however she does well on a leash and takes corrections easily while on her walks with the right handler. This lovely pup is looking for the perfect home with plenty of space to run, toys to throw around, and humans to snuggle while watching tv. Will you be the one? Her adoption fee is \$250.

HAPPY TAILS

Cooper came to our shelter from Animal Services. This sweet little senior Yorkie was thin and had major dental issues. Thanks to a \$1,500 Grant from the Lakewood Ranch Community Foundation, we knew we could provide the treatment and care he needed.

In addition to standard tests and vaccines (he was already neutered), it was determined he was in critical need of dental treatment. The pain impacting his ability to eat, his overall health, and comfort. Cleaning and necessary extractions were completed.

Once his treatment was done, Cooper felt much better and his appetite improved greatly. He started gaining weight and was ready for adoption. With how cute he looked, it didn't take long for Susan and Dan to find him. Cooper is so happy. He got to spend Christmas in his new home with parents that think he is perfect in every way. Thank you Lakewood Ranch Community Foundation for helping another deserving animal get the care they needed to feel better and find their forever home.



Contact Us

26920 Gopher Hill Road
Myakka City, FL 34251
(941) 361-1071

Follow us on Instagram & Facebook: [HumaneSocietyatLakewoodRanch](#)

Website: www.hslwr.org

A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION (# CH39432) AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE (800-435-7352) WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE.