



THE POOP SCOOP

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Gwen McKenna began her service with HSLWR a number of years ago by offering animal photography. J-Lo, a kitten with a bad eye, would become Gwen's first foster. After seeing Dr. Salisbury at Animal Eye Care it was unsure if J-Lo's eye could be saved and extensive care was prescribed. Gwen learned, "this kind of care is something better done in a foster home and in a quiet environment. This is when I realized how important foster care is."

A one bedroom foster became a two bedroom when J-Lo's three siblings arrived with the same eye infection and upper respiratory infections. Under Gwen's loving care they all recovered and J-Lo's eye was saved. Gwen has gone on to foster multiple cats and dogs with medical care needs. Balboa thrived under her care and found his forever home after five broken ribs, a leg cast for five weeks and ultimately losing his leg. She said, "I took one look at him and knew I had to foster him."



Forman was the first lucky foster puppy who was then flown first class by Gwen's husband, Scott, to his forever home in Michigan. Puppies Plum, Cherry, Peaches and Kiwi were bottle fed every two hours and fostered for nine weeks until adoption. Gwen regularly drives our adoptable pets to and from vet appointments as well.

She relocated to Florida from Canada. When she's not caring for fosters, she enjoys gardening and photography. Gwen and Scott have three dogs, Bear, Higgins and Oreo (shown to the left with foster, Balboa). Scott is always a huge help and support. Gwen says, "The satisfaction you get knowing they all survived and went on to have wonderful homes gives you tremendous joy." We are so very grateful to Gwen and Scott for their time and dedication to helping HSLWR save so many wonderful cats and dogs.

MEET OUR TEAM

Mora Jordan joined us about five months ago as Shelter Attendant. She cares for our animals and keeps our facility clean and organized. Mora has been involved in animal welfare since she was a young girl and began volunteering with her Mom. Her volunteer work led to her first career move into animal welfare as an Animal Care Specialist for the Humane Society of Manatee County. There, Mora was promoted to Lead and was also responsible for medical needs.

Mora is a Florida native and graduated from Palmetto High School. She is currently studying at the State College of Florida. In her free time, she enjoys watching movies and shows, spending time with her friends and family and going on adventures with her dogs. Mora's fur babies include four rescues: Moose, a four year old Pitbull mix, Cocoa, a five year old Pitbull mix, and KeKe a three year old Pitbull/German Shepherd mix. Her kitty, Shadow, is a 14 year old black domestic shorthair. We are so very lucky to have Mora on our team with her experience, passion and love for animals.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Pups at Premier: June 5, 2021 from 9am-12pm at Premier Sports Campus in LWR
- Beer Tasting and Fun with Furry Friends: June 26, 2021 from 1pm to 4pm at Naughty Monk Brewery in LWR
- Save the Date: Corks for Canines and Cats: September 18, 2021 at Fiorelli Winery
- Save the Date: Putts for Mutts & Racquets for Rescues: October 18, 2021 at the Ritz Carlton Country Club in LWR

DIVAS & DOGS ON THE CATWALK 2021

Our first post pandemic event, Divas and Dogs on the Catwalk, exceeded our expectations in raising awareness of our mission and raising funds to support our goals. Over 220 members of our community gathered at the Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club to enjoy an early afternoon luncheon and a fashion show provided by Norhala Houck of Twist Boutique and The Sunbug of Venice. Fun was had and we thank all who attended and made this day possible.



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In April of this year, the Humane Society at Lakewood Ranch was awarded an Animal Welfare Grant in the amount of \$8,000 to support Medical Service Beyond Routine Needs. We want to thank the Robert Parker Fund of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County for this generous grant to help us save more dogs and cats in our care.



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This very active kitten, Steve, is a recipient of some of these funds. He injured his leg and required veterinary services, a cast and medical treatment twice daily. He'll be in foster care until he recovers and can be back up for adoption.

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