



# The Poop Scoop Quarterly Newsletter

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## Our Featured Dog, Abby

Are you an active person or family looking for a big, beautiful girl to join you for runs or hikes? Abby might just be the dog for you! A 62 lb Terrier mix, Abby is a gentle giant, a fun-loving girl who loves to play with her toys, run zoomies around the yard, and go for long walks with her human. As you can see in the photo, she loves to chase bubbles, too! When it's time for a rest, Abby is happy to curl up next to you for some cuddles.



Fully house trained and crate trained, Abby gets along with humans of all ages as well as other dogs, and she may be fine with a cat. She will be the perfect companion for a loving family.

For more information on our sweet Abby, click [here](#).

## Volunteer Spotlight: Michelle Fallis

Meet Michelle Fallis, who has been volunteering since the days when HSLWR only had cats!

When HSLWR moved into our current location, it took a while before the dog area was set up and we received our permits to adopt out canines. But Michelle is a cat person, anyway, and when she started a new job, she suddenly had spare time, and decided to use some of that time giving back. Although she could have chosen to work with humans, Michelle says that "I work with a lot of people at my job so I wanted something with less talking and more cats." Obviously, HSLWR was perfect for her.

Michelle's first foster failure, Ricky, was from the first litter of kittens our current location ever had - the I Love Lucy litter. He and his sister, Vivian, ended up at her house because they were the first of the litter to clear up from the Great Ringworm Epidemic. Her parents adopted Vivian, and Ricky stayed with Michelle. And even though that litter



was, as Michelle says, one of the wildest, naughtiest, and dirtiest litters she had ever seen, Ricky ended up being the best cat ever. And now he's gets to be big brother to Freddie Flops (The Cat Formerly Known as Flop) although he seems to have mixed feelings about it some days!

We asked Michelle what she likes best about volunteering with HSLWR, and she said, I 'like being a small part of helping animals find amazing homes. And of course I love playing with the cats and kittens!"

We are so grateful to Michelle and all of our dedicated, wonderful volunteers.

*Are you interested in becoming an HSLWR volunteer? Visit our website at <https://hslwr.org/Volunteer> for more information.*

## Fall Fundraiser Events



Are you a golfer? Would you like to have every swing you take make a difference for animals in need of a home? Join us for the 2025 Putts for Mutts golf fundraiser on Monday, October 20 at the The Ritz-Carlton Members Golf Club in Lakewood Ranch.

Fees are \$300 per golfer, and include a light breakfast, luncheon buffet and drink ticket. In addition to playing, you could also sponsor this event! Sponsorships begin at \$500.

For more information, and to buy tickets, click [here](#).



Our annual Pickle 4 Pets event will take place on Monday, November 10 at the Lakewood Ranch Golf and Country Club.

Even if you have never played pickleball before, you can participate in this event!

Fun Play begins at 8:30 that morning. If you are a pickleball fan and competitive, the Tournament begins at 10 am. Plus you can bid on the chance to play with a pickleball professional!

For more information and to sign up, click [here](#).



Honor your cherished fur baby—past or present—by having their name inscribed on a heart-shaped sign. These hearts will be displayed at all HSLWR events during 2025-2026, creating a beautiful tribute to the pets who fill our lives with unconditional love.  
--\$50 donation per heart  
--One pet name per sign  
--A meaningful way to honor or remember your pet while supporting animals in need

Reserve your tribute heart today: [HSLWR Hearts for Paws Tribute Garden](#)

## Medical Matters

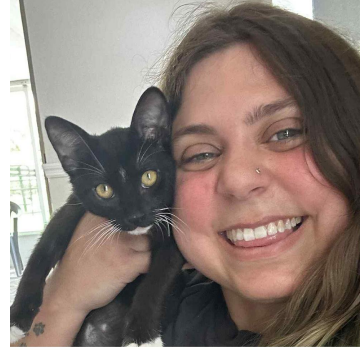
### *Cerebellar Hypoplasia in Cats*

Cerebellar hypoplasia, or CH, is a neurological condition found in humans as well as animals. It occurs when the cerebellum, which is the part of the brain that is responsible for balance and coordination, is underdeveloped. This is often caused by maternal malnutrition or viruses.

In cats, the condition is known as “wobbly cat syndrome.” Although there is no cure for CH, it is not a progressive condition, and it does not cause pain. Affected kitties are typically very loving and sweet, and they often

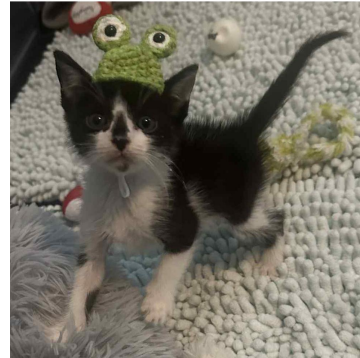
learn to compensate for their lack of balance. CH does not affect their health otherwise, and these cats can have a normal life expectancy.

HSLWR has had two kitties with CH this year. The first, Weebles, was fostered by our wonderful shelter manager, Dani (that's her with Weebles in the photo). Dani says that Weebles used to throw himself across the room and continue playing, or fall but just keep going! In August, he found his forever family.



Sway, our second CH kitty, who is also being fostered by Dani, is too young and small to be neutered, so he won't be available for adoption for another month or so. Sway walks in circles but still gets where he is going, and like Weebles, he is learning to adapt.

If you are hesitant to adopt a "handicapped" cat, don't be. Although CH kitties have some safety restrictions that other cats don't have, they can be wonderful members of your family. Just ask Dani!



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## 2025 Subaru Loves Pets Partnership



The Humane Society at Lakewood Ranch is partnering with **Conley Subaru** for the 2025 Subaru Loves Pets event. According to the ASPCA®, 5.8 million dogs and cats entered shelters and rescues in 2024. That's why, as part of their Subaru Loves Pets initiative, Conley Subaru is once again providing our shelter with \$4,000 to help us cover essential costs for preparing animals for adoption throughout October. Subaru Loves Pets puts a special focus on 'Underdogs', which aligns with our shelter, as we strive to provide support for many special needs animals. Some of those funds were used for Butch, a blind dog we brought in from Animal Services. We ensured that Butch was healthy and ready to go, and he has found his forever family!



Additionally, we will be partnering with Conley Subaru to host an Adoption Event in their showroom on Thursday, October 16. This compassionate support will ensure that more of our amazing shelter pets can find loving homes within our community.

We are so grateful to Conley Subaru for supporting the HSLWR for the last 8 years and for choosing us as their partner for the 2025 Subaru Loves Pets Event! Thank you!

***Humane Society at Lakewood Ranch does not receive any state or federal funding, therefore we rely not only on our generous individual donors, but also our community partners, like Conley Subaru.***

## Mark your calendar...

- Conley Subaru Adoption Event - October 16
- Putts Fore Mutts - October 20
- Pickle4Pets - November 10

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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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