



# The Poop Scoop Quarterly Newsletter

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## Presenting Our New Van!



We finally got our new 2024 Ford Transit Cargo Van from AutoNation Ford! Animal transportation is critical to meeting our objectives to save more dogs and cats. The majority of our animals are transferred to us from our local county animal services, and all need to be transported to/from our veterinary partners. We will now be able to safely transport as many as a dozen cats and dogs. Our old, outdated 2015 van could only hold 4-5 animals.

The new larger capacity commercial transport van has a high roof that will allow 12 custom built-in crates to be stacked safely. It has air conditioning in back, and all of the new safety features. The van will first get an exterior wrap that is being donated by our volunteer, Heather Rymes and her family. The custom crate system will follow.

This was a huge commitment and cost for our shelter. We thank the William G. and Marie Selby Foundation as well as the Bill and Maryann Vinall Foundation through the Manatee Community Foundation. Each foundation provided a \$10,000 grant. We are also indebted to AutoNation Ford for their help and special pricing. And we thank all of you who donated and attended our fundraising events. We truly could not do this without support from our community!



# Volunteer Spotlight:

## Lonnie



Our wonderful, dedicated dog volunteer, Lonnie, grew up in Salt Lake City. He graduated from high school during the Vietnam War era, and joined the Navy. He found a home in the Navy, and stayed in for 35 years, retiring as a Commander after being posted all over the world, in Texas, Washington, Japan, Hawaii and California. After retiring from the Navy, Lonnie worked in the private sector for another 12 years before retiring for good.

Lonnie and his wife Lisa moved to Lakewood Ranch in 2019 with their two dogs, Tessa and Toby, and Lonnie finally got into volunteering, which was something that he had never had time for when he was serving his country. He donates blood regularly, is a trained member of his Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and is a board member in his local HOA community. But his favorite activity is walking dogs at HSLWR. He usually covers both the Monday and Friday night shifts. Lonnie says, "The dog walking is my favorite volunteer effort as the dogs are in need of a kind hand, pets, and spending time outside their kennels with one on one attention to enjoy time while they wait to get adopted. I really like HSLWR because it is a no kill shelter and all dogs that pass through eventually get adopted. The facility is amazing, with the green area to walk the dogs and fenced areas to let them play. The staff are very concerned about the health and welfare and general well being of the dogs and it shows. The volunteers I work with are great and love the dogs as well."

Although Toby, Lonnie's heart dog, has gone to the Rainbow Bridge, Lonnie and Lisa have adopted two HSLWR dogs so far. Boo, now Tami, and Nimsy, now

Tillie, joined Tessa. They haven't closed the door to adopting more dogs in the future, but say they are maxed out right now!

We love Lonnie, and we thank him for his service to our country as well as his service to HSLWR. Bravo Zulu, Commander!

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

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## Our Happy Tails



### Delgado

Our mission at the HSLWR is to save and find forever homes for as many dogs and cats as possible. We often share stories of how we provide critical medical care to save their lives. Behavioral training is another key component in our arsenal to treat and successfully adopt dogs.

There are cases when healthy dogs with behavioral issues require training before they can be adopted. That was the case for Delgado, a handsome German Shepherd. After being evaluated by Foster Dog Farms (FDF) CanineTraining, it was decided that Delgado would be best served by spending 30 days at their facility. That training and loving care continued by our staff, after he was returned to our shelter.

It was important that we found the right home and environment for Delgado. His special day came when Kendall and her boyfriend, Gavin, met him and ultimately adopted him. Delgado is thriving and they love him! He walks miles daily and is doing incredibly well as he's being socialized around the community. Kendall is ensuring his training continues.

Delgado is an example of a dog that is flourishing in his forever home, as a result of successful behavioral training.

We are so grateful to the Bishop SPCA Foundation for understanding the need and providing a \$10,000 grant for this critical training. Grants and donations have allowed us to say yes to many special cases. The result is a beautiful happy ever after!

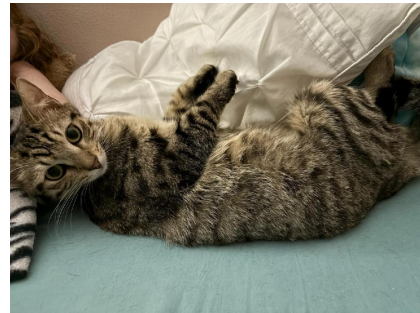


# Cayenne



Lora and Kathryn came in to find a kitten to join their family. Cayenne, who had been at HSLWR for 9 months, captured their hearts. Kathryn and her dad, Garth, came in for the adoption during our Giving Challenge event and decided to donate (thank you!).

Cayenne is now Maximus Moose, and Lora's update is that Maximus is doing very well. He loves to snuggle and drink from his new water fountain. They just adore him! Another wonderful happily ever after.



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## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Divas & Dogs Fashion Show



This year's theme was Summer in Newport (RI), the sailing capital of the world and home to some of the best clam chowder and lobster rolls on the eastern seaboard. Summer in Newport is filled with hydrangeas of every variety and a nod to sailing everywhere you look. Preppy chic is part of its charm and Sara Campbell Stores fits the theme perfectly.

It was a full house at Lakewood Ranch Golf and Country Club ballroom with 235 attendees. Eight models each wore two fabulous outfits from Sara Campbell Stores





Thank you so much for your amazing generosity during the 2024 Giving Challenge. Because of all of our amazing donors, we were able to exceed our goal, which will help us save more lives. We are so lucky and thankful for every single one of you!

## Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar!

- Pet Photo Contest - happening now
- Putts Fore Mutts - October 21, 2024
- Pickle4Pets - TBD 2024

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<https://hslwr.org>

*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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