



# The Poop Scoop Quarterly Newsletter

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## Thank you to the Bill and Maryann Vinall Fund!



Recently, HSLWR received a notice from the Manatee Community Foundation that they had a donor who asked them to look for needs in animal welfare. The request could not have come at a better time! This year's "kitten season" has been extremely busy. We are so grateful to the Bill and Maryann Vinall Fund, whose grant of \$15,500 is already having a tremendous impact, and has allowed us to increase the number of cats and kittens saved.

One of those cats was Tiger Lily, a 2 yr old orange beauty (pictured above on the left). She was found as a stray with her 5 kittens and taken to a county animal shelter. HSLWR stepped in and the little family was transferred to our care. Unfortunately, Tiger Lily had a malformed back leg which made it difficult for her to walk. A veterinary orthopedic specialist recommended amputation to save Tiger Lily from future pain. Foster families cared for her and her kittens until each was ready for adoption.

Tiger Lily has healed, and has been adopted. As you can see by the photo on the right, she is living her best life with her loving new family. The kittens also have new forever families, making room for more cats to be saved.

Grants like that received from the Bill and Maryann Vinall Fund allow HSLWR to continue this important work. Our gratitude is boundless!

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## Volunteer Spotlight: Helen Cundiff

Meet Helen, one of our amazing dog volunteers!

A recently retired School Guidance Counselor/Educator who provided three decades of service to special education students ranging in ages from 4 to 21 years



old, Helen, who is from the Northeast, is both a dog volunteer at the shelter and a dog foster mom.

When Helen retired, she and her husband moved to Lakewood Ranch, and Helen began to search for an opportunity to volunteer at a shelter. For as long as she can remember, her family has had dogs, as well as having deep compassion for animals in general. The family says that they always knew that she'd be working with animals at some point in her life. Helen says, "When I was introduced to HSLWR, I was so excited...it was the luckiest thing that happened to me that I found this amazing shelter! Everyone I have met from staff to volunteers are the most dedicated, caring people I've met!"



After dog walking at HSLWR for a while, Helen became interested in fostering. The family's beloved bulldog, Rocky, had died before they moved to Florida, and Helen realized that she had the opportunity to become an "auntie" to dogs that need a little extra care and training until they are adopted. Helen told us that she feels such joy when her fosters move on to their new family. It is both rewarding and motivational to see them begin a beautiful life with loving families.

We love you, Helen!

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

***HSLWR in the news!*** Did you see us on ABC7's Suncoast News on National Dog Day? If you missed it, check it out [here](#).

## ISO Special Family for a Special Girl - Meet Bessie



Are you looking for a new canine best friend? If you don't have any other animals in your home, please take a look at our Bessie! This pretty girl has just passed her 3 year anniversary at HSLWR, and we don't understand why she is still here.

Bessie is around 4 years old, she weighs 54 lbs, and she absolutely loves people! Yes, she is a diva who does not want to share her person with other animals, but she loves every human she meets. Our volunteers love to take her on outings, where she is a total lady who ignores other dogs. Bessie's favorite activities include getting snuggles, giving kisses, doing tricks for snacks, playing with toys, and going on adventures with her favorite people. Buy her a Pup Cup and she will be your devoted friend forever!

After her month long board-and-train program with [FDF Canine Services](#), Bessie is ready to find her forever home. Her adoption fee is sponsored, and her adoption includes additional training sessions with FDF. Come meet this sweet girl who is potty trained, has formal obedience training, and walks great on a leash!

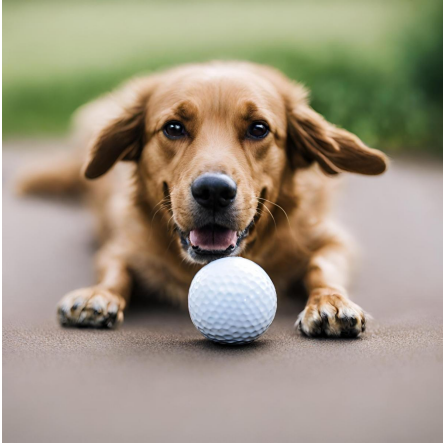
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## *Fall* Upcoming Events

### **Putts Fore Mutts** **Monday, October 21**

The annual Putts Fore Mutts golf tournament will be held Monday, October 21 at the Ritz-Carlton Members Golf Club in Lakewood Ranch.

Whether you want to play, sponsor, provide silent auction items, or just attend the dinner after the tournament, there will be something for everyone!



All proceeds benefit the animals at HSLWR.

For more information and registration, please see our website at [HSLWR.org](https://www.hslwr.org).

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## **Boo Run 5K**

***Saturday, October 26***



Join us on Saturday, October 26 for the 21st Annual Boo Run 5K.

You may run or walk (or ride your broom!). There will be something for all ages, including a costume contest, age group awards, and fun events for children. All participants will receive a race shirt and a finishing medal.

Proceeds will go to HSLWR and [Another Day for Gray](#). Sponsorships are available. For more information and to register, please visit [Lakewood Ranch Running Club](#).



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## **Whiskers & Wags Pet Calendar Launch Paw-ty**

***Saturday, November 9, 4 - 7 pm***

Join us at [Boo's Ice House & Dog Bar](#) for a celebration as we launch the Whiskers and Wags pet photo calendar. We'll honor the top 13 winners as well as everyone who contributed to raising over \$28,000 for HSLWR.

You and your canine best friend won't want to miss the live music, dancing, raffles, contests, photo booth and drink specials!

For more information, see [our website](#).

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## **Pickle 4 Pets**

***Monday, November 11***

The Pickle4Pets Pickleball tournament is back for its second year on Monday, November 11. Join us for pickleball, cornhole, a 50/50 raffle, a food truck and an



Italian Ice Stand. It is open to the public and proceeds are being donated to HSLWR.

Details, event registration and sponsorship opportunities are now available on [our website](#).

## Evening in Venice



Choose your date, grab 9 friends, and come on down to Venice (FL, not Italy!) for an evening of shopping and eating. **Twist Boutique** and **SunBug** are offering deals with 15% of sales donated to HSLWR, and **Made in Italy** is offering free appetizers and drinks.

Call 941-485-7946 for more information.

## Calendar Contest Raises \$28,186!

Our Pet Photo Contest to find the animals featured in our 2025 calendar was a resounding success!

For only \$5, supporters entered their pet's photo for a chance to be the next big Gulf Coast supermodel. Friends and family were encouraged to spend \$1 to vote for their favorite, and the 13 animals with the most votes will be featured in the calendar. All of these winners received a photo shoot with Sherri Krams, owner of **Moments Unleashed** photography.

Missed out? Until August 31, you can still reserve a calendar space that will feature your pet!



*To purchase a calendar, visit*

<https://www.gogophotocontest.com/humanesocietyatlakewoodranch>

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Humane Society at Lakewood Ranch  
26920 Gopher Hill Rd.  
Myakka City, Florida, 34251  
Phone: 941-361-1071  
<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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