

## DO YOU HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE?

The Dogs & Cats Forever Thrift Store is a vital part of our shelter. The revenue generated goes directly to the shelter to help the animals. Dogs & Cats Forever will even have large items picked up if needed.

Please consider donating to the Thrift Store!

*-We thank all of our dedicated volunteers working at the Thrift Store.*

### **Dogs & Cats Forever, Inc. Thrift Store**

**1762 SW Bayshore Blvd.**

**Port St. Lucie, FL. 34984**

**Phone number: (772)879-6002**

**Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 am-4:00 pm.**

**Closed Mondays**



**4000  
Facebook Like**

Thanks to all of our Facebook  
friends!  
Dogs and Cats Forever



MAILING ADDRESS:  
P.O. BOX 880043  
PORT ST. LUCIE, FL 34988

## PETTALK

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THE WORLD.

# PETTALK



DOGS AND CATS FOREVER

**4600 Selvitz Road  
Fort Pierce, FL  
34981**

## DONATE!

Thank you for your  
interest in donating to  
Dogs & Cats Forever

We can use ANY help  
from \$10 to whatever  
you can afford. The  
cost of a cup of coffee  
could help save an  
animal in need!

**Note: Tax deduction  
information: Dogs &  
Cats Forever is a 501C3  
organization  
TAX ID 65-0118134.**

**For details call  
(772) 489-5454**



## President's Letter Thoughts from Jay Apicella

This coming year will be an exciting one for Dogs & Cats Forever as we complete our new 3,600 square foot "cats only" addition. Also this year, we plan to begin construction on a Hospice-type building where our senior canine guests can live out their lives with more room-and in a more peaceful setting. Finally, we hope to begin work on a clinic, where low cost veterinary services can be offered to low-income pet owners.

Dogs & Cats Forever has been very fortunate to receive donations and endowments from individuals, allowing us to expand our facility, and we look forward to giving our 250 residents a more spacious and comfortable place to live as they await adoption. Sadly, according to recently published statistics, with more than 6,000 animals impounded and 3,500 euthanized each year in St. Lucie County alone, it is obvious that we can help only fraction of the animals who need us. Our shelter is constantly filled to capacity, and again this year, another local no-kill facility closed its doors, thus making it even harder for people who wish to surrender pets to a facility which does not euthanize for space.

Because we do not receive any money from the state, county, or city, We are asking you not only to continue your generous financial support of Dogs & Cats Forever, but we also urge you to take a more active role in helping solve the pet overpopulation problem. If population control is ever be a reality and the euthanasia of thousands of healthy but unwanted pets is to end, legislators must take measures to legalize and encourage Trap/Neuter/Return programs for stray and feral cats, and to end the indiscriminate unregulated "backyard breeding" of dogs which often produces unhealthy puppies destined to live their lives in shelters. Additionally, people must have access to low cost or free spay/neuter services and be required to have their animals altered.

Dogs & Cats Forever has an obligation to our donors, our adopters, and most of all to our animals to be there for them in the future, but we cannot guarantee that without the support of lawmakers and the communities they serve to ease the overwhelming burden of too many cats and dogs. If you are an animal lover, become an animal activist. Only with the involvement lawmakers, veterinarians and the public at large can the Treasure Cost become a no-kill community.

Thank you!

## 5 minutes with Dr. Horn Florida Veterinary League

Fifteen years ago, Dr. Darrell Horn began practicing veterinary medicine in Vero Beach, and since that time he has become well-known for providing his clients with quality veterinary services at a reasonable price. He has also been a leader in providing discounted services to rescue organizations-including Dogs & Cats Forever.

Throughout the years Dr. Horn has consistently made time to see our shelter pets both for emergencies and for routine visits-always at an affordable cost. This kind of help has been vital to Dogs & Cats Forever, which receives no help from the city or county and depends solely on donations and adoption fees.

Additionally, Dr. Horn makes time to visit the shelter, giving vaccinations and treating the animals which, because of age or temperament, would be difficult to transport to a clinic. Our sincere thanks to Dr. Darrell Horn, for helping Dogs & Cats Forever continue to serve the Treasure Coast's animals in need.

Florida Veterinary League 1360 US HWY1, Suite 1 Vero Beach, FL 32960  
Phone: 772-567-3070



## The New Cat Building—A Cat's Meow



Local dignitaries and donors at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Cat Building! The 3,600 “cats only” addition will provide a more pleasant and spacious environment for our more than 130 cats. Construction will be done by Crist Construction of Fort Pierce and will be completed in the Spring of 2015.

Front row: Pam Diccico and Pee Wee, Georgia Leon and Chico, Andrea Nicholson and Rio  
Back row: Bill Paterson, St. Lucie County Commissioner District 2 Tod Mowery, Barbara du Pont, Hal du Pont, Harvey Easton (donors), Executive Director Johanna Apicella



2015 Calendars  
Now on SALE!!



Calendars available at the Shelter or Thrift Store for \$10  
*Photos by Captured Memories Photography*

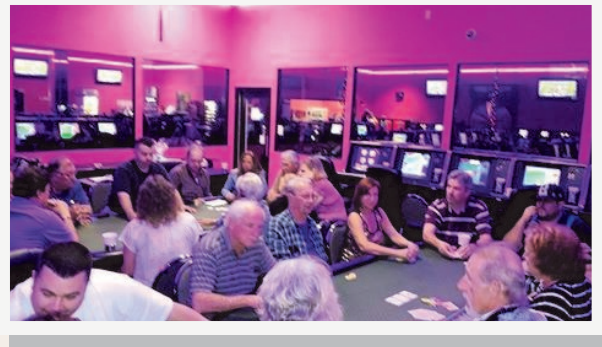
Florida's Attorney General, Pam Bondi with Sporty, visits Dogs and Cats Forever, Inc. on Tuesday May 20th. General Bondi is an animal lover. What an honor!  
*Photo credit to Marisol Photography*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Charity Poker Events

for information call Bill 772-485-2661  
 St. Lucie Lanes—Sun, Mon, Wed and Friday  
 Buy in \$20.00 at 7:00pm

Grand Arcade— Wed.  
 Buy in at 7:00pm Game at 7:30pm



## Corks & Collars Dinner

Ristorante Claretta  
 1315 SW Martin Highway  
 Palm City, FL 34990

Tickets \$100 Black Tie Optional  
 To purchase tickets or sponsor please contact 772.708.3764



Jessica Tyson, Jay Apicella, Kailee Barnes, Tonya Sparks



Francesco & Sheila Ingegnoli



Kenneth & Cheryl Shepard



Evie & Tasha Klaassen



Cristina Maresca, Clara Russel, Francesco Ingegnoli



## Operation Zero Spay & Neuter Program

Owner Information:

Animal Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

*Feline*

*Canine*

Female - Spay \$35.00

Female - Spay Under 50 lbs. \$45.00

Male - Neuter \$25.00

50-60 lbs. \$50.00 Over 60 lbs. \$55.00

Male - Neuter Under 50 lbs. \$35.00

Over 50 lbs. \$45.00

\$15.00 extra charge for Pregnant or Crypt orchid

(\$5 administrative fee for all transactions.)

**This voucher only covers standard spay or neuter as agreed upon with clinic. Please ask when making your appointment if the veterinarian requires any other services: i.e. rabies, pain medication, collar after surgery or any blood work. If you wish to receive any additional veterinary care, IT WILL BE AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE. Participating vets are:**

Florida Veterinary League  
 1360 US Hwy. 1, Suite 1, Vero Beach, FL  
 772-567-3070

Tri County Animal Hospital  
 1811 Okeechobee Rd., Ft. Pierce, FL  
 772-461-1311

Morningside Animal Hospital  
 1626 SE Port St. Lucie Blvd, PSL, FL  
 772-337-0800 NO ANIMALS OVER 50 LBS

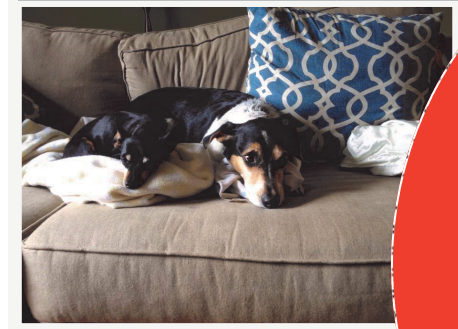
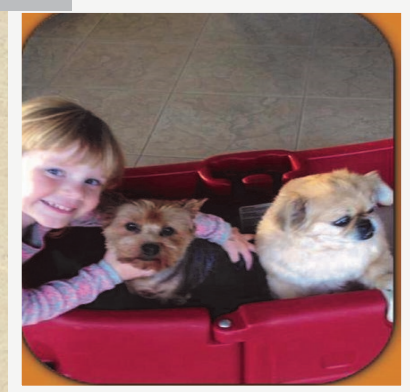
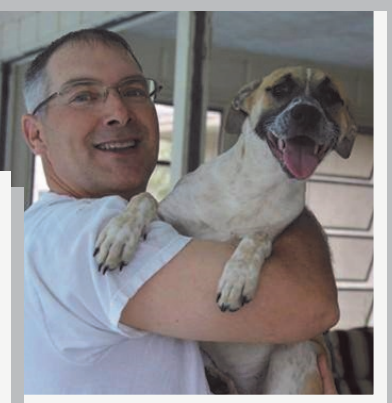
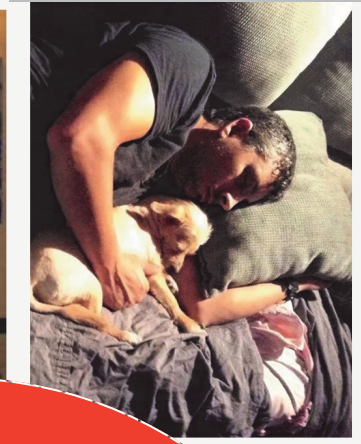
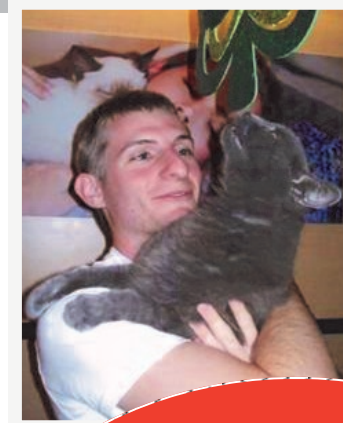
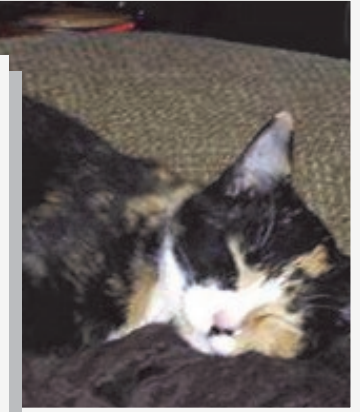
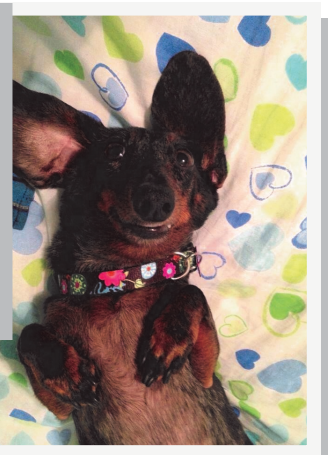
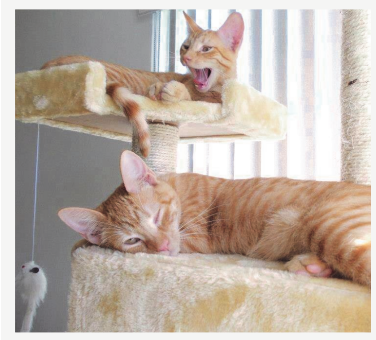
All Creatures Animal Hospital  
 5885 S. Kanner Hwy., Stuart, FL  
 772-283-0101

***NB: If you want to take your pet to a different Vet, PLEASE verify that they will accept this voucher.***

D&C Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid Amt. \_\_\_\_\_ CC/Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Make copy for our files, give original to customer.

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*Thank You!  
We adopted over  
700 dogs & cats  
in 2014!*

