Hello Friends,

The holidays are upon us and what better way to get into the spirit of the season than learning about and helping the homeless animals at Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control. Did you know that Animal Care and Control (ACC) is the County’s only open-admission shelter? This means that no animal is turned away. Our shelter provides safe haven to approximately 16,000 unwanted animals each year. While that sounds like an impossibly high number, it was only 15 years ago that upwards of 29,000 animals flooded our doors annually. Through hard work, targeted spay/neuter programs, public outreach, and focusing on those animals most at risk (square-headed dogs and cats), we have made remarkable strides in saving lives and reducing unnecessary euthanasia.

At-risk animals need the most help from our community. Those most at risk for euthanasia in any shelter are cats and square-headed dogs (aka pit bull type dogs and cats). At ACC, we especially focus on our square-headed dogs, as their population numbers are so high. Although they often receive a bad rap publicly, these dogs are typically loving and loyal animals with a happy disposition. The American Pit Bull was known as “America’s Dog” during World War I, where they served the United States during active combat bravely and with valor.

I’m often quoted as saying that there has never been a good time in history to be a cat. Felines have been unfairly vilified throughout time. The reality is that cats are loving and loyal, but independent. Cats make the perfect pet for people who work; medical studies have also shown that petting a cat can actually lower blood pressure. These same studies also show that the elderly live longer and suffer less loneliness when they have a cat or dog to care for.

With all the above in mind, I hope that you will make a decision to support Animal Care and Control by adopting or volunteering. It’s the season for sharing and caring, and the animals need you.

Happy Holidays!
Dianne Mercier Sauve, Director
Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control

What could possibly bring more happiness to a home than adding a new member to the family? Watch PBC TV and let Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control help you select your new best friend!
### **DECEMBER 2018**

#### **SUNDAY**
- **Community Bulletin Board**: 7:00 a.m.
- **Critical Minutes**: 7:00 a.m.
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#### **MONDAY**
- **Emergency Education**: 5:30 p.m.
- **Parent Academy**: 6:30 p.m.
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#### **TUESDAY**
- **MEETING REPLAYS**: 10:30 a.m.
- **MEETING REPLAYS**: 11:00 a.m.
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#### **WEDNESDAY**
- **MEETING REPLAYS**: 3:30 p.m.
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#### **THURSDAY**
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### **Adopt a Friend**

**Behind The Star**

On the December episode of **Behind the Star**, Sheriff Ric Bradshaw has a personal holiday message for the community and the more than four thousand employees of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. This episode also features a safe shopping tips this history. And we’ll show you efforts by PBSO to help our neighbors to the north after Hurricane Michael.

**Air Dates**: Mondays at 8:00 p.m., Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., Thursdays at 4:00 p.m., Fridays at 9:00 a.m. and Saturdays at 12:00 p.m.

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### **Safety Matters**

Diabetes can be devastating physical, emotional and financial toll on those battling the disease. People with diabetes are at increased risk of serious health complications, including premature death, vision loss, heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, and amputation of toes, feet, or legs. The disease can often be managed through physical activity, diet, and the appropriate use of insulin and other medications to control blood sugar levels. Medical Director of the PBC Firefighters Wellness Clinic Doctor John Visa and Natural Health Counselor Kim Butler explain what you can do to prevent this serious disease from taking a toll on you.

**Air Dates**: Mondays at 6:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., Fridays at 11:00 a.m. and Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.

### **Healthy Living**

The secret to helping you protect yourself and your family from influenza, better known as the flu, could be simple. You’ll hear what recommendations you should be making this season and every year to protect against flu infection and its terrible complications.

**Air Dates**: Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., Fridays at 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. and Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

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### **Community Bulletin Board**

**Meetings**

- **Community Bulletin Board**: 12:30 a.m.
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### **PBC TV Channel 20**

- **Public Affairs Department**
- **Palm Beach County BCC**
- **PO BOX 1989**
- **WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33402-9881**

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**NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES**
CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS AND FOSTERS!

It’s that time of year again—can you help us?

Kitten season is the time of year when Momma cats give birth to large litters of kittens. Many of these kittens will not survive without our help. Fostering and volunteering can save their lives.

VOLUNTEER DUTIES include feeding, cleaning and stimulating the kittens, keeping the kittens warm, prepping foster supply packages, administering meds under the guidance of clinic staff, making phone calls to potential foster parents, releasing kittens to foster parents and other care-related activities.

FOSTERING KITTENS helps keep them out of the shelter and in a caring home until they are old enough to be adopted.

To find out more about fostering and volunteering in the nursery, please contact our coordinators:

VOLUNTEERS  Tammy (561) 233-1281
FOSTERING  Suzy (561) 233-1252
### Canine Package $35
- **DA2PP Vaccine**
  (Distemper, Adenovirus-2, Parainfluenza, Parvo)
- **Nasal Bordetella**
  (CIRD/Kennel Cough)
- **De-worming**

### Feline Package $30
- **RCP Vaccine**
  (Rhinotracheitis-Calici-Panleukopenia)
- **De-worming**

### Rabies Vaccine $15

### MICROCHIPPING SERVICES

- **Microchip for Dogs**
  - $10 Spayed/Neutered
  - $20 Non-Spayed/Neutered

- **Microchip for Cats**
  - $5 Spayed/Neutered
  - $20 Non-Spayed/Neutered

*All cats are required to be microchipped per County Ordinance 98-22.*

**PLEASE NOTE** If your pet has a known reaction to vaccines, please take them to a private veterinarian.

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**Keep your pet healthy!**

**WALK-INS WELCOME – NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED**

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WISH LIST

DOG ITEMS:
- Nylabones
- Kong toys
- Treats (no rawhides)
- Tear-free shampoo
- Nylon collars (all sizes)
- 4' and 6' nylon leashes
- Grain-free dog food
- Chicken or beef broth

CAT ITEMS:
- Cat toys
- Catnip
- Plush cat beds
- Cat litter (scoopable)
- Canned kitten food (any brand)
- Shoe boxes (cats love to sleep in them!)
- Gerber baby food (turkey, beef, or chicken)

GENERAL ITEMS:
- Towels
- Blankets
- Newspaper

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When you join the volunteer team at Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control, you are giving the homeless animals in our community the personal love, attention and hands-on care they need. Volunteers help us with our life-saving mission by enriching the lives of our shelter pets during their stay or until permanent placement can be found with adopters or partner organizations.

We are open 7 days a week, so regardless of your schedule, we have a volunteer opportunity for you!

Volunteers must be age 16 or older to volunteer.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Pet Groomer/Bather**
Bathe and groom animals in preparation for adoption.

**Playgroup Rockstar**
Assist with daily play sessions for our adoptable dogs.

**Kitty Kuddler**
Socialize and play with adoptable cats and kittens.

**Kitten Nursery**
Assist with care of young kittens at the shelter and help with their transition into a foster home or adoptive home.

**Pawpurrazzi**
Photograph our adoptable pets for website and social media.

**Dog Walker**
Exercise and socialize adoptable dogs.

**Greeter**
Greet and assist customers and pet owners as they enter the shelter.

**Pet Enrichment Specialist**
Assist with daily enrichment activities, toys, and games for our shelter pets during their stay.

**Foster Care**
Temporarily care for select animals in your home until they are ready for adoption or have found an adopter.

**Vet Clinic Assistant**
Help with after-surgery care of animals and surgical tools/equipment. (Qualifications apply.)

**Lost & Found**
Assist pet owners, file lost & found reports, and walk through kennels to check for missing pets.

**Special Events Liaison**
Help with working and planning annual events & exhibits; staffing booths at off-site and promotional events. (Schedule & times will vary.)

Call *(561) 233-1281* to join our volunteer team!
**What is fostering?**
As a foster parent, you are providing temporary housing, care and love for a dog, cat, kitten or puppy until they are ready for adoption or placement.

**Why foster a pet?**
By fostering, you are helping us to save and assist as many animals as possible by providing a temporary home for them. Foster pets are often much easier to find adoptive homes for and thrive in a foster environment. The joy you will experience seeing one of your foster pets find the loving home they deserve far outweighs the little bit of heartbreak involved in letting them go.

**How long can I foster a pet?**
The average foster period is 7–14 days, but depends on the needs of the animal. Some pets need foster for a few days, while others may need several weeks or months.

**What are the costs involved?**
We will provide you with all of the supplies you will need to care for your foster pet. This includes food, litter, bedding, bowls, crate, collar and leash, medications, and follow-up veterinary visits. As a foster parent, you are responsible for transportation to and from the shelter, and for bringing your pet in for scheduled vet check-ups. You are welcome to spoil your foster pet with toys and treats, too!

**Fostering Requirements**
Foster parents can be any age, but there must be an adult in the household who will act as the primary caregiver. Caregivers must be able to separate foster pets from their own animals and handle feeding and overall care of the foster pet. Students are able to earn community service hours for fostering. Dogs must be kept on a leash or in an enclosed area when outside; cats and kittens must be housed indoors.

**Call (561) 233-1252 to join our foster team!**
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Call us...

- if you or a neighbor is feeding stray cats in your community.
- if you see pregnant females, or young kittens.
- if you are having problems with stray cats in your yard.
- if you want to help trap or return cats for TNVR.

We can help with trapping and sterilization efforts. This is a FREE service to the community, but you must contact us and be willing to help.

Cats that are healthy enough are treated for parasites, vaccinated, sterilized to prevent unwanted litters, and then released in the general vicinity they came from.

If you need advice on how to keep cats from frequenting your property, please call us. Remember, simply removing cats from the neighborhood is not a solution as this creates a “vacuum effect,” resulting in new and possibly unsterilized cats moving in to replace the old ones. Returning sterilized cats to their original location means that no new cats will move in and no kittens will be produced.

Want to do more? Please call us for TNVR tips and volunteer opportunities.

PHONE (561) 233-5262
It’s Kitten Season! We are in desperate need of the following supplies to help us care for the orphaned kittens in our community:

**Kitten Food - Canned (loaf or pâté)**
- Royal Canin Babycat

**Kitten Food - Dry**
- Royal Canin Babycat
- Science Diet Healthy Development
- Nutro Kitten (weaning–1yr)

**Pedialyte - Unflavored**

**Kitten Toys**

**Scoopable Cat Litter**

**Durapet Stainless Steel Cat Bowls**

**Portable Pet Playpens**

**Gift Cards to Walmart, Amazon or general cards**

**Plush Cat Beds**

**Towels, Small Blankets, and Newspaper**

Kitten supplies can be dropped off in the main lobby of our shelter anytime during regular business hours or shipped directly to the shelter. All donations are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated!
Due to the influx of pets recently coming into our shelter, we are in need of canned food donations for the dogs and cats in our care. The following items can be brought to or shipped to our main shelter, located at 7100 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33411:

- **Fancy Feast Kitten or Adult chicken or seafood flavor (pâté)**
- **Royal Canin Babycat**
- **Nutro Kitten, any flavor (pâté)**
- **Proplan Dog or Cat, any flavor (pâté)**

If you would like a donation bin for your office or business location, please contact Elizabeth at eharfman@pbcgov.org.