2020 Virtual Walk for Animals

When COVID-19 struck, our second largest fundraising event for the last 27 years was shut down. Funds raised from the Walk traditionally support the cost of animals rescued throughout the first quarter, and our goal was raising $120,000.

Giving up was not an option.

Neither homelessness nor incoming animals stopped because of COVID-19, so we couldn't stop either. Instead, we went virtual, and thankfully you followed.

We created fun online activities and prizes for people who were quarantined at home. We added links to the websites of our life-saving Sponsors and Vendors, and we showcased their products and services.

169 registered Walkers, Sponsors, and Vendors said "We care!" The outpouring of support during uncertain times kept our doors open, and welcomed animals coming in.

Together we raised close to $65,000 and placed hundreds of animals into loving foster homes. Some things may never be the same, but your love is not one of them.

Thank You for keeping their tails wagging, and for turning the Walk for Animals into a Walk of Thanks.

Thank You to our sponsors and vendors!

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Teamwork - makes the Dream Work!

During the pandemic close-down, SPCA Florida put their commitment to the test. While others held back, we ploughed forward, painted kennels, added kennel doors, painted the shelter, made repairs, scrubbed floors, and even cut down and chipped old trees while filling in mud holes with chips in the dog runs. There was not an idle moment. We fed animals whose owners were furloughed or without a paycheck, drove hours one-way to pick up cat and dog food, flew cats and kittens to Virginia and Chicago, and drove pick up cat and dog food.

SPCA Medical Center Delivers Advanced Surgeries!

*Life-saving* is the word for our Medical Center Veterinarians and Surgeons.

Recently, a sweet little Dachshund was unable to walk into the Medical Center. He was paralyzed and unable to use his legs, until intricate surgery on his spinal column and cord removed a ruptured disc. The next day, he was miraculously on his feet! We won’t know about his full recovery for several weeks, but the prognosis is excellent. And the cost? Also miraculously low.

Found on the Center Line

Weighing in at less than one pound, Dorian, a little hiss of a kitten, was found alone in the middle of the street with his back leg shattered. The limb could not be saved and Dorian went into surgery at SPCA Florida’s Medical Center where his leg was amputated. He came through the procedure beautifully and went straight into foster care. This is a lot for a little one to endure alone, so his foster family put him with another little kitten friend. Dorian has recovered completely and will soon be available for adoption.

SPCA Medical Center - Open 6 Days a Week

COVID-19 turned our Medical Center into a Car Hop Service, and reduced our hours to 4 days per week. That was then. As of June 1, we are not only back - we are better! Servicing your pets’ needs Monday through Saturday, from nail trims to life-altering surgeries.

Call us to make an appointment at 863-646-7722, or check us out online at www.spcamedical.org

Cat and Dog Adoptions

**July 18, 2020**

**$20**

Tri-MEGA Adoption Event

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Shrek and Donkey

Written by foster mom, Dr. Nicole Taurisano

Shrek and Donkey are two kittens who met and bonded in foster care while recovering from different conditions.

Shrek was part of a litter severely affected by upper respiratory and eye infections. At one point, it seemed Shrek could lose one or both of his eyes. With intensive TLC and medication, the infection resolved. However, the disease left a thin layer of darkly colored tissue over each eye, giving him the permanently adorable appearance of a doll. He can see perfectly out of each eye and runs to greet humans when they enter a room, chases feet, and plays with his cat toys like the energizer bunny.

In Shrek’s first week of foster care, his littermate passed away next to him. That same day, another, new kitten was brought in with a large and infected wound on the inside of his leg. Since two kittens recover better together than alone, these two were made a pair. They became Shrek and Donkey.

Donkey is a month older than Shrek and had been roaming outdoors. His leg became stuck in a fence, wounding him. It took the fella a few days to get used to people, but now he loves being held. He purrs louder than most kittens and will sometimes start purring from just seeing his foster humans. He is currently undergoing daily bandage changes of honey and silver dressing.

While we wait for Shrek to reach the two-pound ready-for-adoption mark, we also wait for Donkey’s leg to heal. They should be ready for adoption at the same time. After all they have been through together, they are completely bonded to each other, and it would be wonderful for them to find their forever homes together.

All adopted this year - do you see your furever friend?

SPCA Florida’s Conference Center got a facelift, and lucky pets who found their Happily Ever After now brighten the windows. Do you see someone you recognize?