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# Pet Talk

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**H**ow do you take an already great event and make it better? Why move it to Cranes Roost at Uptown Altamonte of course! If you have not heard by now... the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual "Wiggle Waggle Walk" will be held on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm at the lovely Cranes Roost Park in Uptown Altamonte!

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Start FUNdraising today! Just stop by [www.OrlandoPets.org](http://www.OrlandoPets.org) and you can register in just a few easy steps. Send e-mails to friends, family and co-workers inviting them to support you in your cause or even join you the day of the walk! Minimum entry for adults is \$25, and \$10 for children 12 years and under with a paid adult. The entry fee gets you a fantastic 2010 "Wiggle Waggle Walk" pet bandana for your pooch! Also while you are on-line, take a gander at the "premiums" this year, or should I say "loot" you will walk away with after the walk. This year thanks to the folks at Universal Orlando we have tickets for the upper fundraising levels! Don't want to miss out on these fabulous premiums? Pre-Register at the Altamonte Springs PetSmart on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 2 pm and also from 5 pm to 7 pm that day! The Altamonte Springs PetSmart is located at 380 S State Rd 434, Altamonte Springs, 32714.

Wondering how to get to Crane's Roost on October 23<sup>rd</sup>? Once you have that cup of coffee in hand and energized dog drooling in the backseat...Reach around-pull this newspaper out of their mouth and here are the step by step directions to get you there!

### From Orlando—

Travel east on Interstate 4 to exit 92 and make a right. Take SR 436 an estimated 1/2 mile and the Altamonte Mall will be on the left side. Enter the mall parking lot and the park is behind the mall and AMC movie theater.

### From Daytona—

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Be sure to come in this way as Cranes Roost Boulevard will be blocked off for all of our sensational business buddies! And speaking of business buddies...make sure to pick up your program and visit with all of the fantastic vendors, everyone and anyone from natural food services to grooming, boarding and designer pet boutiques. And of course we promise to have a few businesses for the two footed as well!

So don't forget....

Register at [www.OrlandoPets.org](http://www.OrlandoPets.org) today!

FUNdraise and come out to Altamonte Springs PetSmart on October 20<sup>th</sup> to get that "loot."

Grab that cup of coffee, leash up Fido, and join us for the BIGGEST & BEST Pet Walk in Seminole County! "Wiggle Waggle Walk" 2010!



# PetTalk

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The Orlando Public Vet Clinic is open 7 days/week.

7:30 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.

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For Business Office: X240, X273

For Cruelty Investigations: X 275

For Medical Clinic Appointments: X 226, X227

For Medical Clinic Cancellations: X 279

For Volunteer Services: X 236

Main Fax Number: 407-352-2070

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### **Shelter Hours:**

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Noon – 4:00 p.m. Sunday

### **Public Vet Clinic Hours:**

The Sanford Public Vet Clinic is open Mon. – Sat.

7:30 a.m. – 4:15 a.m.

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For Dog Adoption Desk: X 221

For Cruelty Investigations: Call Orlando number above

For Medical Clinic Appointments: X 226, X227

For Medical Clinic Cancellations: X 228

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If you decide to include the SPCA of Central Florida in your will, please be sure to use the full legal name:

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## 2nd Annual



It's not too late! Don't miss out on Tails on the Town, a month-long shopping & dining extravaganza in September. For just \$15, you will be able to take advantage of great discounts at local businesses right here in the heart of Central Florida!

Wonder what businesses are participating? See below! Want to know what they are offering? Visit [www.OrlandoPets.org](http://www.OrlandoPets.org).

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# SPCA VETERINARY CLINICS: ORLANDO AND SANFORD

THE HOURS FOR ORLANDO'S CLINIC ARE: 7 days a week. 7:30 AM-6:15 PM.  
THE HOURS FOR SANFORD'S CLINIC ARE: Monday-Saturday. 7:30 AM-4:15 PM.

## PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE EXTENSIONS

### SPAY/NEUTER SURGERY:

Spay/neuter surgery appointments, Orlando Vet Clinic: 407-351-7722, X226  
Spay/neuter surgery appointments, Sanford Vet Clinic: 407-323-8685, X226

### GENERAL MEDICAL CLINIC SERVICES:

Medical clinic appointments, Orlando Vet Clinic: 407-351-7722, X227  
Medical clinic appointments, Sanford Vet Clinic: 407-323-8685, X227

### CANCELLATION LINES:

Appointment cancellations, Orlando vet clinic: 407-351-7722, X279  
Appointment cancellations, Sanford vet clinic: 407-323-8685, X228

### POST-SURGICAL COMPLICATIONS OR FOR COMPLICATIONS FROM HEARTWORM TREATMENTS:

Medical/Post-op, Orlando vet clinic: 407-351-7722, X225  
Medical/Post-op, Sanford vet clinic: 407-323-8685, X225

### THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Clinic services are available for the pet of any person regardless of County of residence.
- General vet care services are available only for spayed/neutered animals or those with a medical deferment.
- Pets must be at least 3 months of age or 3 pounds for spay/neuter surgeries.
- Only healthy animals should undergo surgery. If your animal is not feeling well (sneezing, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.), please reschedule your appointment.
- When entering or leaving our clinics, for safety's sake, all cats must be in a pet carrier and dogs on a secure leash.
- SPCA of Central Florida Society members receive a discount on general vet services (**excluding** the spay/neuter surgeries).
- SPCA members must present their current year membership card at check-in time to receive the lowest cost general vet services.
  - Membership cards are not transferable.
  - Membership in other humane organizations will not apply for our Clinics' discounts.
  - Non-members may use the low-cost medical clinics, but please note the fees charged to non-members will be higher than those charged to SPCA members.
- Ask about our special senior citizens' (65 years of age or older) discount for wellness services only.
- Because of the high-volume of phone calls received by the Medical Clinics, you may reach voice mail when you call the numbers listed below.
  - If this is the case, please leave a detailed message on the voice mail.
  - The message should include your name, a daytime phone number, the time when you will be available for a callback, the reason for your call, and when you hope to schedule an appointment.
  - The staff are committed to providing you with excellent service. Your thoughtful use of voice mail will help in this process.
- You may pay by cash, check, debit, Discover, Visa or Mastercard.
- There is a \$10 charge for "no shows" or for cancellations with less than 24 hours notice.
- Full payment is expected at the time of service.

### SPAY/NEUTER SURGERY COSTS

- *Because of the risk of contagion to other animals, proof of recent feline aids/feline leukemia tests is required at the time of surgery or clients may have their cats tested at our clinic on the day of surgery at an additional charge.*
- *Proof of dog's recent heartworm test or testing at clinic on the day of surgery, for an additional charge, is highly recommended.*
- *There will be additional charges for complications such as pregnancy, obesity, age, undescended testicles, etc.*
- *There will be additional charges for post-operative pain medication and e-collar if needed.*
- *Pets 5 years of age or older must have a blood test before surgery (super chem CBC - \$37.50 - \$67.25) per our vets' requirement to help determine the overall health of the pet.*
  - *Pets 5 years of age or older will first come in for a pre-surgery consult (\$25). A pet this age is considered a geriatric animal, and SPCA vets will first perform an exam to determine the overall risk to the pet of performing the surgery.*
- *Pets under 5 years of age have the option of having blood work done, but it is not required.*
- *According to County Code, all pets must be vaccinated against rabies. Pet owners must bring with them documentation of rabies vaccination or have their pets receive a rabies vaccination on the day of surgery.*

### BASE SPAY/NEUTER SURGERY RATES: CATS

Male Cat Neuter	\$25
Female Cat Spay	\$35



### BASE SPAY/NEUTER SURGERY RATES: DOGS

#### Male Dog Neuter:

Under 30 pounds	\$35
31-70	\$45
71-100 pounds	\$55
101 - 125 pounds	\$65
125 pounds or more	\$75



#### Female Dog Spay:

Under 30 pounds	\$40
31-70 pounds	\$50
71-100 pounds	\$60
101 - 125 pounds	\$70
125 pounds or more	\$80

Drop-Off Time for Surgery Appointments: 7:30 AM.

Pick-Up Time from Surgery: Afternoon of same day. Receptionist staff will inform you of pickup time at "drop-off," but must be before 5:00 PM.

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# FURRY FORUM

## Ask the Experts

Dear Sir and Madam,

I felt compelled to send you a note on my experience with your shelter and how wonderful I was treated by your staff. On Saturday, March 27th, I came in with my one and half year old cat, **Nibbler**.

He had extremely dominant and aggressive behavior towards our other older cat and the stress in our house was becoming too much to handle. I felt that putting him up for adoption was my last hope after trying hormone sprays, medications, etc. through our veterinarian.

It was very difficult, but I thought I was doing the right thing. I cried the entire time I was signing the paperwork, and the employee at the counter processing us was so understanding and gentle. She completely understood how hard it was for me to give up my pet and even walked me out to the car with another employee (since I was donating a cat condo that had to be brought inside), just so I wouldn't have to walk back inside and suffer more heartbreak.

That night I came to realize what a horrible mistake I made by giving Nibbler up. As difficult as he was to live with, it was even more unbearable to live without him. On Sunday, I went back to your shelter to "check up" on Nibbler, and possibly see about taking him back home. I couldn't find him in the cat adoption room and started crying, and a young man came to my assistance right away to ask if I was all right. I told him that I had given up my cat and desperately wanted him back. Right away he went to see what he could do for me.

Lucky for me I guess, Nibbler was not doing well in your shelter and was extremely aggressive, and they say would have been un-adoptable. Without hesitation, Nibbler was given back to me. Through all his faults, we will find away to keep him in our family. I feel so lucky that I came back when I did and that you were gracious enough to give him back to me.

I can't thank your shelter enough for being so kind and compassionate towards me and my cat through our brief and trying time there. You have some very understanding and great folks working/volunteering for you and my hat goes off to them because I'm sure that their job cannot be an easy one. Thank you so much for treating my and my Nibbler with respect and kindness.

Yours truly,  
*Dawn Galyon and Nibbler*

Dear Dawn and Ken,

I asked one of our terrific cat volunteers, who has lots of kitties at home, for some advice for you and Nibbler. Don't know if it will help, but here goes...

"That's a tough one for advising other people. I know what we do with Ian and Gavin and other dominant types who can't get along with others - you try every possible way to get them to deal with each other, but if all else fails, you keep them in separate rooms and just deal with the really very minor inconvenience that brings. But not everyone is willing to do that much work.

Sounds like Nibbler needs some behavior modification and she'd have to be willing to put time into it. As you wisely said, he needs to be fixed if he isn't already. And a trip to the vet for both cats for a checkup should be a top priority - just to rule out an underlying health problem.

The cats who fight should be kept in separate rooms - rooms that have all their supplies and comforts, and then each cat rotates their time in the common areas of the house. Nibbler gets the run of the house Monday, or in the AM, other kitty gets it Tuesday, or in the PM, etc. They should not be left alone together unsupervised ever. If they are in the same room, she needs to be standing by with a water bottle or can of air, something like that, and the first one to get aggressive gets a spritz. If it's Nibbler each time, then he gets a squirt of water at his feet or tail or tush - never the face- until he backs off. When he behaves, he gets a treat, praise and snuggles.

He probably will grow out of some of this as he gets older; he's still so young, and they usually mellow after awhile. But, like Ian, sometimes they don't, which is why he can never be in a room with Gavin. So, we keep them apart and just make sure to give each one the same attention. It doesn't have to be a huge house to do that successfully - we managed it in the apartment too when the boys picked on Annie. We never left them alone with her and kept the water bottle handy when we supervised, etc.

Sounds like they really love Nibbler, enough to go and get him back. I know there are some meds a vet can give for a high-strung cat to mellow them out. She might want to ask about that for a short-term basis. She should not declaw - they will only go to biting instead as we learned after our mistakes of getting Ian and Ryan declawed.

Bottom line is, she has to stay very calm and not blame the cats for the fights. As we know (Abby, we're looking at you) some animals, even pampered house kitties are just really territorial in nature.

But, of course if one is aggressive and one isn't, you can't have the passive one living in fear or stress. I'd go for separate living quarters with initially very tiny bits of highly supervised together time - one minute, five minutes, etc and increasing each day if possible and no being left alone together. Water bottle at the ready, bribe treats on hand, patience firmly in check, meds if necessary.

From any cat's perspective, I believe, it's way better to be in your own loving home with your own kindly people - even if it means a reduced area to wander in throughout the house - than it ever is to be given away.

Tell her she's not the first person to go through this - lots of critter parents do. I think most multi-pet households have at least one who hates the others, so she's not alone in this. It really can be made to work out OK, it just needs time, creativity and patience."

Jennifer

Barbara-

Thank you so much!! This is wonderful advice and just what we needed. We now have a can of air and keep them separated throughout most of the day and things have been much more peaceful.

We took Nibbler back to the vet to make sure that he was really fixed (and he is), and the vet suggested we bring in our other cat too to see if maybe something is going on with her that makes Nibbler so aggressive.

Lo and behold - she had impacted glands on her rear- so the vet cleaned that up and that too has been helping him to settle down.

I am just so appreciative that the SPCA let me get my little cat back. It took losing him to realize how much I loved him and would be willing to do to work things out. You all are truly a blessing to all animals.

Thank you again from the bottom of my heart!  
*Dawn*



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 And our wonderful Volunteers and staff.

For more information on Shelter Friends 2011, e-mail [fraily@orlandopets.org](mailto:fraily@orlandopets.org), or call 407-248-1756. Mark your calendar's for Monday, December 20, 2010 for our Holiday Camp, and enjoy the feedback below.



Fraily,

You and your staff do an awesome job with this camp. **Heather** LOVES it!!!! She comes home every day excited about what she learned!!!! It would be great if you could offer more than one week for the middle-schoolers next year. Thank you for everything you do for the kids and for the animals.

**Debbie Cardenas**

Fraily,

I can not thank you and your staff enough for an incredible week. We will do everything we can to get to the facility more often and volunteer. It was great seeing you, and I promise you will see us soon.

**Linda O'Halloran**

Fraily,

Thanks again for everything! The camp was great. There are so many pictures. I will have to give the kids the opportunity to check them all out.

**Rena Quinata**

Dear Fraily,

I wanted to thank you and your team for the fantastic camp you provide; this was **Claire's** second year, and she had a great time. You all do such a wonderful job at making the camp fun and interesting, the only problem is it only lasts a week!! Please keep me informed of any camps you are doing as I know Claire would love to go. Thanks again!

**Nikki Slater**

Hi Mr. Fraily,

This is **Kayla** in the **July 12-16 Camp**. I loved everything about the camp! The skunk was a nice touch, and my favorite was the field trip that at first I thought it was a joke – what a fun day! And I hope one day I'll work at the SPCA. Learning how to groom dogs and cats and teach tricks was fun too. I wish we had more time with ALL the animals in the adoption center so we could love and hug them and play with them so they will be ready for a new family.

I hope you do this again next summer so I can sign up again. Thank you!

**Kayla Peavy**





# HAPPY TAILS

*Editor's Note: This is a letter from Houdini, the Mommy dog who was featured in one of my recent direct mail letters - I love a happy ending! Barbara*

Hello Deb, my foster mom and the sweet lady who took care of me and my little babies!



I had a big grin on my face the whole time during my car ride to my new home in Orlando. My new mommy made sure the air conditioner vents were all aimed at me, and it was wonderful to look out of the windows of the car and I was smiling all the way to my new forever home.

When I got to my new home, my new mommy let me sniff all around the front yard on my leash. Then it was time to meet my new sisters, Molly and Coco. My new mommy was very cautious and only let us meet through the fence at first, but it was love at first sight! Molly and Coco started wagging their tails so fast and had big smiles on their faces and loved me right away! When it became apparent there were going to be no territorial issues, my new mommy cautiously let me go into the back yard. My new sisters immediately started to lick my face and were so happy to have a new little sister. Molly and Coco gave me a "tour" through the back yard, and Molly has not left my side since (I think she thinks I'm her baby). Then it was time to go into the house.

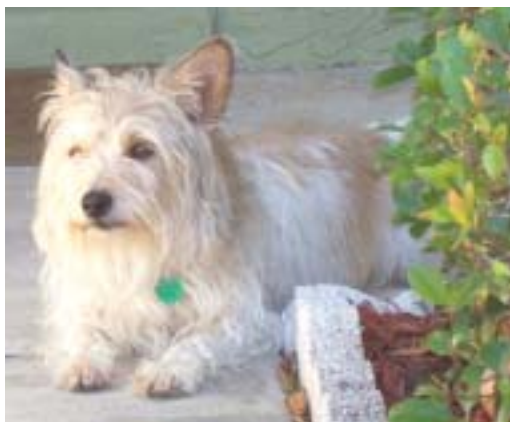
I followed Molly and Coco into the back door, which leads to my new mommy's office. There I found a nice soft bed and a bowl of nice cold water to drink. After all this excitement, I was thirsty! My bowl is right next to my bed so I can have a sip anytime I want without going too far. Molly still has not left my side and is laying next to me, still smiling and cuddling with me. Then a kitty came into the doorway to see what was new...

Another success story! The kitty looked at me, I looked at her, she was very nice to me and I even wagged my tail when she came to meet me. Then another kitty came in to see what was going on, and that kitty likes me too. My mommy stayed in between us to make sure that the kitties didn't scare me. I was not scared one bit - they are nice kitties.

My mommy is currently on the computer looking at all the beautiful pics of me with my babies. I am glad that my babies all found homes, and of course I'm so glad that I am now in my forever home with my forever mommy. Of course, after all the excitement today, I am exhausted and I'm laying on my nice soft bed near my new mommy and my new best friend, Molly, who still wants to watch over me. I could not be happier! It's so nice and cool in here and I get to watch my mommy do her work (she's a proofreader). Molly just had her dinner and when she was done, she came back into mommy's office and I wagged my tail, I was glad to see her. Well, I really need a nap now, and mommy said as soon as she gets some batteries in the camera, she wants to take pictures of me in my new forever home with my new family.

I want to thank you, Deb, for taking such good care of me and my babies and giving special attention to my need for a good home. I am so happy now in my new home, with my new family that is being so nice to me. My new mommy wants to call me Daisy Mae. She said a southern belle like me should have a southern belle name. My official name will remain Houdini for microchip ID, but my new mommy will call me Daisy Mae. I don't care what she calls me, as long as she calls me for breakfast and dinner! I'll have my new mommy send some pics when she gets that camera going!

My love and thanks,  
**Houdini a/k/a Daisy Mae and my mommy, JoAnn Hudson**



named **Toby** from you all 3 1/2 years ago. He had been given up twice (we have no clue why - he's a complete sweetie). We absolutely love him!

Besides his mommy and daddy, he has a human sister and a kitty cat brother (also a rescue animal). At first he was nervous around me (his sister), but now we're best buddies. He even gets along well with our cat, and he's very happy living with us. Toby sends lots of love and doggy kisses to everyone and says thanks for finding his permanent family!

**Courtney Barlow**

Dear Wonderful People (including Pet Food Xpress volunteer, Sue Jones),

On April 3, 2010, my beautiful little companion will have been with me for a year. She was 2 years old when I adopted her from the shelter so I've set that date as her birthday.

She is a fantastically beautiful "tortie", healthy and very friendly. Her name is **Serena (Reanie)** and will be 3 years old on April 3.



When I had T.C. (a prior cat), he was all my life. Pet food Xpress provided much needed food for him and much needed support when he was sick and dying. After he died, I was devastated. I have no family or close friends. Cats are my only "friends and family."

When Serena came into my life Pet Food Xpress (with Sue Jones) has again come to my rescue.

Not only am I limited financially, but since December 2009, I had a serious fall followed by surgery, fractured hand and damaged hip, leg and spine. I was unable to walk for weeks (2 months exactly). I am on the mend now, but my healing is closely related to my cat.

The point I wish to make is an extremely grateful thank you to you, your Pet food Xpress program and Sue Jones. Thank you so much for making my life so much better and for what you have done to provide for my beautiful cat whom I could not live without.

Sincerely,  
**Deeann LaValle (and Reanie)**

Barbara,

This is Bill Feeley. The attached emails may remind you about who we are. We have been checking the web site and found the information about **Abby** in the Pet Talk Spring 2010 addition.

After Orlando, we went to St. Augustine and one of the attached photos shows Abby watching the sun rise over the Atlantic from the dash board of the motor home.

We arrived back in MI the last week of April, and it was like Abby had



lived in our home all along. It was very much like her adapting to the motor home. We first closed off some of the rooms so not to overwhelm her, but in short order she has explored our entire 4 bedroom colonial.

We have three cat hammocks and a cat tree for her. She loves them just like our other cats did. She will get in the one hammock looking out at the backyard and then, as the day goes on, move to the front of the house. I've enclosed two pictures showing her on the hammock and the tree.

She has had a skin allergy and had to be put on steroids that made her eat alot and gain some weight. The Vet wanted her to lose some weight and so one of the pictures shows her following his orders.

She has shown her Florida roots because in the real hot weather we have had recently she just loves to lay in her hammock and soak it all in while we have the AC! Well now you are up to date on Abby the "traveling cat".

Thank you  
**Bill, Darlene, Abby "the calico cat" and Annie "the yellow lab" Feeley**



Barbara,

Here are some more recent pics from my Facebook page...hopefully you can view them without complications. I have to tell you (and I know this sounds strange to some), I still have discussions with **Dakota** (she likes long conversations with lots of belly rubbing) and tell her quite frequently how glad I am that I walked into the SPCA that fateful day and found her.

I cannot imagine life without her! I just want to share how much we have all benefited from having her in our family and how much she is loved. She's great with kids, great with other dogs. She is protective but a complete sweetheart to everyone she meets. Akitas get such a bad rap, but ours are very friendly, loving and very happy girls!



**Carol Hartman**



# HAPPY TAILS

Dear Barbara,

Please find below our paragraph describing our loveable "Dino" after Dean Martin, ha!

We are so very pleased with our new addition to the family - a black and white male kitty named "Dino" adopted January 16, 2010 from Seminole County Humane Society.

Being a former board member, when my husband, Don (pictured here during his evening snuggle w /Dino), and I decided to add another four-legged friend to our family - our first stop was to call you, Barbara. The importance of adoption is so critically important and something we should all take pride in doing - and honor our community by adopting.



Ryan at the Seminole County Humane Society was extremely helpful to us as we all spent time with Dino bonding in the play room, and we knew he was a perfect candidate. Ryan and the staff at Seminole County Humane Society are first class folks who are truly dedicated to the hard work they do every day.

While Ryan told us he was going on 8 1/2 weeks - we think, as silly as he is, he's nearing 4 weeks now, ha!

We have a 10-year old miniature beagle "Scout," and she tolerates

Dino's cartwheels over her head well.

A BIG thank you, to you Barbara and Ryan. The tireless efforts of you both and your staff are remarkable as you endeavor to find suitable homes for all those four-legged cats and dogs that come through your doors.

May God bless you as you continue your hard work.

With thanks,  
**Don and Fonda Cerenzio**

To All of You Down at the Shelter,

**Porshe** just turned 6 years old this May. She is very happy and healthy. I adopted her from your shelter in 2005. Her previous family brought her back due to the fact she didn't get along with the grandson. But I tell you, it's probably the kid's fault because she is great with kids!



She is a blessing to me. She is God in a dog's body...she is my best friend.

God bless.  
**Lisa Palme**

Hey there,

I just wanted to pass these on to you guys. Here is **Gucci** playing tug a war with **Kohiba**.

Thanks again for everything.  
**Tim Goodman, CTS-D, ISF-C**



Dear Diane,

**Leah** went to the vet last month for her yearly checkup/shots, which means we have had her over a year now. Although still shy sometimes, she continues to be more confident. She will greet visitors, first by barking a little, then wagging her tail. She explores most of the house, will stay in the same room with us a lot of the time, and generally looks happy - tail up, frequently a smile, etc.



Leah and Samantha get along extremely well, play very hard together outside, and



never fight or growl, even over food or attention.

And **Samantha** - what can I say? A happy girl, still very affectionate, still thinks she is a lap dog sometimes. And, of course, she is part flying squirrel, part submarine, part otter, and part frog . . . did I mention that she likes the water? She has worn out the canvas 'div-



ing dog' toy, so yesterday I bought her a bigger one, which she tried out and approved of this morning.

Hope you and the rest of the staff are doing well. If anyone is still there who might remember Leah and Samantha (Sassie), please let them know they are happy and doing well. They would not know Leah is the same dog she was a year ago.

Thanks,  
**Rob Yarnall**

Dear SPCA,

I can't put on paper how much we love **Fluffy** (once known as Guffman). We have always had adopted dogs. Thank you for being there.

**Barbara Zara**



Dear Friends at SPCA,

I adopted **Oscar** on December 15, 2009. At that time, his name was Gressie. I should say, he adopted me; he grabbed my shirt through the cage bars, and that was it - he was mine.

When I brought him home, he had an upper respiratory infection. I was told it was his 3rd in the 2 months at your shelter (thank you for taking care of him when he was sick). That little boy had a tough start since he was only 5 months old.

Now he is thriving. He has gained 7 1/2 pounds. He is so happy - we both are. He has more toys than PetSmart. I love him so much. He wakes me every morning licking my face like a puppy. He has learned to play fetch and loves water. He will get in the sink to play in the faucet.

I am partially disabled and am home 99% of the time. He has given me so much love and joy. What a wonderful little boy he is.

Thank you for everything you do for these wonderful animals in the world. I wish more people would come to shelters and then there would be no more breeders or puppy mills. Oscar is a blessing.

Thank you.  
**Tami Jones**

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## A Poem for You

*I will lend to you for awhile a kitten, God said.  
For you to love while he lives, and mourn when he's dead.  
Maybe for twelve or fourteen years, or maybe two or three.  
But will you, 'til I call him back, take care of him for me?*

*He'll bring his charms to gladden you, and should his stay be brief  
You'll always have his memories as solace for your grief.  
I cannot promise he will stay, since all from earth return.  
But there are lessons taught below I want this kitten to learn.*

*I've looked the whole world over in search of teachers true.  
And from the folks that crowd life's land, I have chosen you.  
Now will you give him all your love, nor think the labor vain?  
Nor hate me when I come to take my kitten home again?*

*I fancied that I heard them say, Dear Lord, Thy Will Be Done.  
For all the joys this kitten brings, the risk of grief we'll run.  
We'll shelter him with tenderness; we'll love him while we may.  
And for the happiness we've known, forever grateful stay.*

*But should you call him back much sooner than we planned,  
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes, and try to understand.  
If, by our love, we've managed your wishes to achieve,*

*Then in memory of him whom we loved, please help us while we grieve.  
When our cherished kitten departs this world of strife,  
Please send yet another needing soul for us to love all his life.*



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Dear SPCA of Central Florida,

This is just a note to let you know how thankful my family and I are for your services. Our pet, **Spotty**, was brought to the Sanford clinic with a severe pain due to cancer symptoms.

I couldn't go with my husband that morning, since it was very painful already to see our dog that lived as part of the family for over 12 years, having pretty good health most of her time, and at the end, she was agonizing with a severe pain that I couldn't help her with.

My husband told me how understanding and nice the Sanford clinic staff was in that moment of need... We had brought her to a vet a week before this incident, but she was in pretty bad shape, and we didn't want her to go through any more tests or treatments. At the end, I didn't know where to bring her on her last moments and thank God for your facility.

You don't know how grateful we feel having such a nice group of people act with compassion. It was a tough decision to have our dog euthanized, but we felt it was the only answer at that moment to alleviate her pain.

Thanks for the kindness.  
**Veronica Borjas-DeSena**

Hi Amber,

My name is Julie Hodgen. I brought my cat **Boo** into the Orlando clinic yesterday to have him neutered. We normally take our pets to our vet, but due to a couple of pay cuts and job loss, we had to find a more economical way to care for our pet's health.

We were a little scared to bring our cat there - we weren't sure what to expect, as they say you get what you pay for. I was pleasantly surprised at how friendly and caring the staff in the clinic was; they were helpful and not only answered my questions but recommended different vaccinations and medicines for Boo.

When I left him there I knew he was in good hands. I will definitely bring our other cats there too & I am going to recommend your facility to anyone I know that has pets. You have an excellent staff. Thank you for taking such good care of Boo.

Sincerely,  
**Julie Hodgen**

Hi Deb,

My daughter, Savannah Woodruff, and I have volunteered at the Seminole SPCA since the beginning of this year... We've had a wonderful experience volunteering at the SPCA, spending quality time with the dogs and with each other.

We were especially impressed with the staff that works with such a great attitude, with nothing being too dirty or difficult for them. They really do love the animals and that left me with a wonderful impression of the organization. Thank you for administering such a great volunteer program.

Thanks,  
**Michelle Woodruff**

Diane,

I just wanted to let you (and some of the others at the SPCA) know how fantastic your Dog Behavior presentation was yesterday. You are a natural teacher, providing important information in an easy and engaging manner, using lots of valuable real-life examples. This is no surprise — I have seen your Weather Pets spots and was there for the preview of the Pit Bull Class, but this one was exceptional.

I thought my passion was getting dogs vaccinated so we would eliminate distemper outbreaks (and, of course adopting crazy-but-lovable dogs like **Sage** and old-and-falling-apart-but-lovable dogs like **Darwin**), but I see how incredibly important it is for potential adopters and current owners to understand this behavior and training information. Maybe I can figure a way to include that in my passions, too.

I hope all Bark Buddies come see it. I certainly will be recommending it.

Bravo!  
**Barb Watts**



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Dear Barbara Wetzler:

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Based on the most recent financial information available, we have calculated a new rating for your organization. We are proud to announce SPCA of Central Florida has earned our fifth consecutive 4-star rating for its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances. Only 5% of the charities we rate have received at least 5 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that SPCA of Central Florida consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way, and outperforms most other charities in America. This "exceptional" designation from Charity Navigator differentiates SPCA of Central Florida from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.

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We believe our service will enhance your organization's fundraising and public relations efforts. Our favorable review of SPCA of Central Florida's fiscal health will be visible on our website as of July 1st.

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Sincerely,

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Barbara,

I happily received my "Pet Talk" today and I'm hoping you can include my children's book within the next edition, I would be very grateful. **Mooshca** has been a member of the SPCA of Central Florida since she moved into our home here on the Little Wekiva River in January, 2006. Since then, the membership has grown to five.

I'm confident you will love my little book as much as I love Mooshca.

PublishAmerica announced my children's book *The Mis-Tails of Mooshca and the Little Wekiva River* through a press release (see attached) on January 6, 2010. As a new author concerned about Florida's natural resources, I am determined to share my work with as many people as possible.

My story is based upon Floridian values, those being children, animals, and the environment. I am passionate about this project and would appreciate any assistance, guidance or words of wisdom to best let the world know of this book. The book also contains pictures of the plants and animals that are native to the Little Wekiva River, and I hope my message is clear which is the need to learn to live and respect our natural environment and be aware of our surroundings at all times.

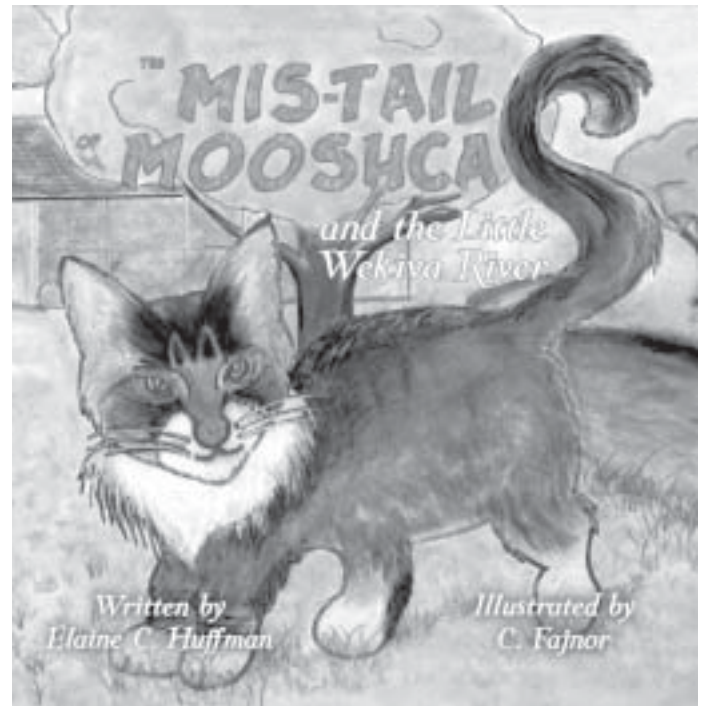
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Thank you again.  
*Elaine C. Huffman*



Hello All,

Just a short line to say how much fun our family had at the Puppy Class. It was great meeting all those precious puppy faces and shaking all those friendly chunky puppy paws.

Thank you, Diane, for a great class, and thanks to all the mommies and daddies for a super paw-some time.

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Dear Mr. Hewes,

In November of 1993, my wife and I visited what was then the Orlando humane Society adoption center. We vowed at the time that we were merely "looking," but all of that changed when we made eye contact with an 8 week old lab/hound mix who would deeply enrich our lives for the next 16+ year. **Brandy** was outnumbered in our household and, in her wisdom, was totally committed to returning our love and affection two fold: to match or exceed everything that Nellie and I could ever do for her. Upon learning that she was a rescue dog, many friends and family would remark how Brandy had "won the lottery" when we took her home. Nellie and I have always realized that we were the ones who had hit the jackpot.

Brandy was having a very difficult time these past two months, and our veterinarian helped us with the painful decision to end her suffering. It was obvious that Brandy was willing to endure great physical hardships to make certain that she could continue to simply be there for us. Nellie and I have been quite upset, as it seems very unfair that "man's best friend" should be designed with only 1/6 the human lifespan. I suppose this is to teach us all to make the most of every precious moment and live these/our lives to the fullest. Truly, Brandy lived by this mantra.

Nellie and I would like to thank you, your staff and organization for your dedication to ultimately enriching the lives of so many persons like us. You definitely see the great potential in each animal that is brought to your shelter. Your "diamonds in the ruff" program is aptly named. We are happy and proud to share the glitter and sparkle of the time we had with Brandy. When your loving animals bond with a new family, this greatly enhances everyone's life. None of this is possible without the love and devotion of organizations like the SPCA of Central Florida and your dedicated staff.

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Hello Diane and Alison,

**Miss Rose** loves to eat, play and bark at the big herd of deer at night that come to eat corn. Her little friend is Barney. I think you can see, she has a real hard life here!

She is really happy. All the dogs are her friend. I believe in the power of the pack to heal. She has fit right in to our family. You can see my mom, who is 89 years old, in the kitchen giving all the kids a treat.

The little beagle was given to us just recently by Geneva Oaks Animal Hospital. He is 2 years old and was kept in a hot barn with no love or human contact. The vet's office rescued him and asked me to take him. As you can see, he is happy also. In fact, Rose and Barney the beagle are very good friends. Thank you for helping me adopt our Miss Rose. She is truly a Star!

Bless you both for your work with animals!  
*Love, Joyce, and Momma and the gang*



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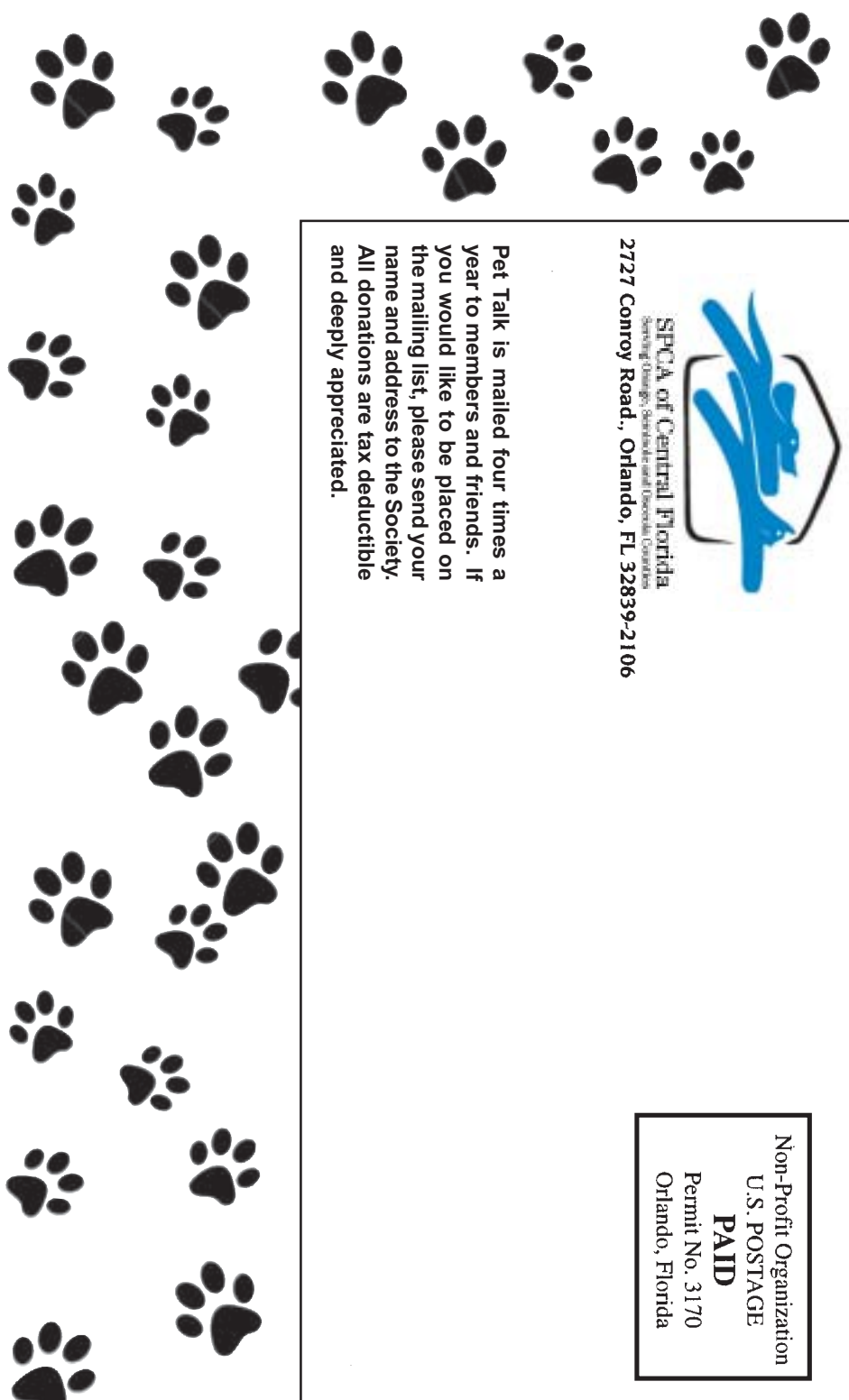
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