



The Scoop



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5TH Annual Pine Island All American Labor Day BBQ/Picnic and Helping Paws Food Drive

When: Monday, Sept. 1st, from 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Where: Woody's Waterside
 3051 Stringfellow Rd, Saint James City, 33956

Yard Dog Charlie has been playing every Monday at Woody's for 6 years. Mardi Gras Mondays, as they are called, have grown into a weekly event attended by people from all over the world.

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. We will also be collecting food and supplies to

donate to Helping Paws Animal Shelter, a no-kill shelter in St. James City. There will be a 50/50 drawing, raffles and drink and food specials, too. Everyone that donates food, supplies or money will get raffle tickets.

Wish list items are:

- Canned Cat Food
- Scoopable Cat Litter
- Premium Dry Cat Food (Iams, Purina One, Science Diet, etc)
- Treats
- Paper Towels
- Trash Bags
- Bleach or Other Cleaning Products
- Gift Certificates (Publix, PetSmart, Discount Pets, Pet Supermarket, Walmart, Winn-Dixie)

Helping Paws Pet Blessing

We are honored to be hosting Geshe Thupten Phelgye, a Tibetan Buddhist lama who is known for promoting vegetarianism and humane treatment of animals, and for his work as a peace activist.

Geshe Phelgye will be staying in Bokeelia and plans to visit Helping Paws Friday, September 12th between 5-7. This will be a media covered event where he will bless our kitties. Everyone is welcome to attend and meet this honored man!

Geshe Phelgye is the founder of the Universal Compassion Foundation, an international animal rights activist, a past visiting Global Scholar in residence at Gonzaga University and currently an adjunct professor at Eastern Washington University. He has spoken at over a hundred colleges and schools across North America, including Harvard University, promoting international peace and compassion.

Geshe Phelgye is hoping to do this on a yearly basis in the summer. He will also be doing a blessing at the Peace River Wildlife Rescue on Sept 13th.

Geshe Phelgye has lived a life few of us could imagine; fleeing Tibet at age 3 and later hand picked by the Dalai Lama to serve in the Tibetan Government.



Litter Box Etiquette

By: Conan (I'm not "The Barbarian" dude. In fact, Marnie's Mom calls me her sweet little poopie - not to be confused with the topic of my article. She says it's because I'm so sweet and cute. It's a little embarrassing. Anyway here goes...)

- Rule #1 If you are a stander, please make sure no one is waiting behind you.
- Rule #2 We have tons of boxes at the shelter, wait your turn. Some of us have shy bladders and it's hard to concentrate while sharing a box.
- Rule #3 If you are having "issues" please try not to get it on the side of the box.
- Rule #4 What goes in the box, should stay in the box. No one wants to have to worry about where they are stepping when they are in a hurry to get into the box.
- Rule #5 If you do miss the box, please don't use nearby toys to cover your mistake. I may have wanted to play with that mouse and you just ruined it forever!
- Rule #6 When you bury, please bury! Using the side of the box doesn't cover it and leaving it for someone else to take care of is just rude.
- Rule #7 Speaking of burying, pay attention to your surroundings. Someone waiting their turn does not want a face full of litter!
- Rule #8 Everyone likes a clean box. When the servants are done cleaning them, don't use all of them. Keep it all in one box and let someone else be first in the other.
- Rule #9 If you need to balance on the side of the box, be careful not to tip it!
- Rule #10 Litter is not made for eating! (I have seen a kitten do that) Gross!

For the record, you will be forgiven for breaking any of these rules. You've heard that expression s—t happens? (Marnie's Mom says I can't say that word). Well that applies to litter box accidents too. Even people make mistakes. There is a reason they sell diapers (for kids and adults).

Just try not to mess up too often. You don't want to have to wear a kitty diaper! Your tail has to stick out through a hole and it bunches in places that make it very difficult to walk. No I'm not speaking from experience! I knew someone who... oh never mind. Just behave!

Conan

