



# The Scoop



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This issue is dedicated to Peter Draggin', Office Manager, Columnist, and so much more...



Peter Draggin'  
RIP 2/14/2014

## Peter Draggin'

By Marnie Miszewski

For those of you who don't know, we lost our beloved Peter on Valentine's Day. He had had one of his muscle spasms the Sunday before and wasn't quite the same after it. Between that and arthritis, we all thought that he was a little achy and so we made him comfortable and kept an eye on him.

When he didn't get better, we took him in and found out that he had a urinary tract blockage. The vet catheterized him, and things went very well. He was on track to come home, when he took a turn for the worse.

They discovered Peter's urethra was ruptured and he needed surgery to fix it. As they put him under, he vomited up copious amounts of fluid and went into cardiac arrest. The vet was able to restart his heart and he began breathing on his own again.

I knew Peter was a fighter, so I decided to wait and leave the decision up to him. He didn't make it through the night.

If you don't know his history, he was hit by a car when he was a kitten. He survived, but with damage to his back end. His rear legs didn't work too well and he would get severe muscle spasms from time to time.

He was a blood donor cat at North Shore Animal Hospital for 4 years before he changed jobs and became our office manager. He was a hard worker and soon took on additional jobs including greeter, chair warmer, and is best known for his column Peter's Purr-spective in our monthly newsletter. (Back issues available on our website.)

He loved people and would run to you as best he could, when you called his name. He never realized he was limited and drove us crazy with the stunts he pulled. If another cat could do it, so could Peter. He was an inspiration to behold.

What many people don't know is that he was a great kisser! If I walked past all I had to do was lean my head down and he'd bump his little face into mine. Sometimes he'd get a little over zealous and bumped a little too hard, but that was Peter... Enthusiastic about everything.

He loved life at the shelter. He never took a day for granted and if he was in any pain, he didn't show it and certainly didn't let it stop him. We love and miss you very much, RIP Peter Draggin'.



## Dr. Beans On Call

Hi my name is Beans and I live in the FELV room at the shelter. They call me the "Doctor," because I have had a lot of practice loving and caring for cats that become ill. I'm also in charge of welcoming new cats that come into the room and helping them adjust to our routine. I guess you could say I'm "in charge," but I just like helping others.

When Peter contacted me thru "Morris Code" on the wall that separates us, I should have become suspicious. He asked me to fill in for him this month, because he needed to see the Vet about "male" issues. I didn't press him further as this is a sensitive topic for male cats. (Neutering is embarrassing enough, so we just don't like to talk about the other issues.) You know the rest.

I'm glad to help, but with my other responsibilities I can't continue this pace. I don't know how he managed it all. Being FELV, I like to rest as needed (which being a cat is a good excuse as any for a nap). Plus, we just opened our doors and hearts to a wild and crazy kitten. He keeps us all on our paws, and if this pace of keeping a half closed eye on him keeps up, I will need a vacation soon.

That being said, we will be holding auditions for Peter's replacement. (Not that he can be replaced, but you know what I mean). Cosmo feels he is a "Paw In" for the job. He had knee surgery and despite the successful outcome, feels a desk job would be right up his alley. Physical therapy was not "his thing." They tried every contraption on the market and still he refused to walk. He scoots from place to place. Marnie says he is probably afraid that it will hurt to use his legs. I think he is just lazy. A cat is entitled to his opinions. Anyway, it will be interesting to see what wisdom he tries to impart to us! Maybe having a job will teach him that you can't always take the easy way out. Then again he might teach us not to take life too seriously and enjoy it more. He wants to call it Cosmo's Corner. The last time they saw him in the corner it was with a dead lizard...

I guess we'll just have to see how it all plays out. I know a few cats that want to try for the job. It's going to be tough decision, so we welcome your feedback!

Love and purrs,  
"Doctor" Beans

## Anthony's on the Blvd Auction Update

By Marnie Miszewski

We are excited to be able to share more information on our upcoming auction.

As you know the location is "Anthony's on the Blvd" 1330 Del Prado, Cape Coral. Check in for the event will be from 5:00 to 6:30, along with dinner and the silent auction. At 7:00, we will commence the Live Auction and conclude the evening with an "After Party" starting at 8:00 for those wishing to stay.

Tickets will be \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. That will include dinner, a drink ticket, coffee and danish at the after party as well as a coupon for a free breakfast at a later date.

If that wasn't enough, there will be music by Yard Dog Charlie on the patio!

The list of items being auctioned grows everyday. We will share more on the list as we get closer, but take it from us, you won't want to miss it!

## Want to Help with the Auction?

Please call Marnie at 239-822-4876 or email me at [admin@helpingpawsanimalsanctuary.com](mailto:admin@helpingpawsanimalsanctuary.com).

We are going to need people to help with organization and set up, transportation of items, creative people to make baskets, etc.

We are also still gathering items. If you have something to donate or know someone who does please let us know.

This is our first auction and we really want to make it memorable. All help and suggestions are greatly appreciated!

