



# The Scoop



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## Yard Dog Charlie's July 4<sup>th</sup> Benefit Concert

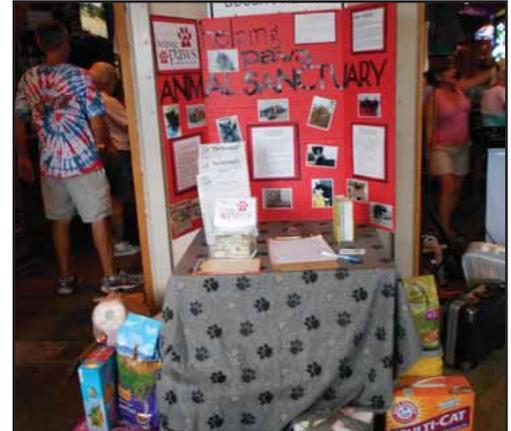
THANK YOU to Yard Dog Charlie who started our month out with a bang! He organized a benefit concert for Helping Paws at Woody's Waterfront on July 4th. He and his wife Debbie have long been supporters of the shelter. The music was great and the Patrons were wonderful. We raised approximately \$600 from donations and raffles. We also took home a trunk load of much needed supplies. We hope to make this an annual event!

Our kitties are usually not fans of dogs, but they sure like Yard Dog Charlie and his Florida Swamp Music! I'm sure they would love Woody's BBQ as well if I brought them take out...

If you are a fan as well, visit Charlie's website and check out his music: [http://www.yarddogcharlie.com/fr\\_home.cfm](http://www.yarddogcharlie.com/fr_home.cfm)



Yard Dog Charlie



The "Goody" table



Bojangles for the win!

## July Tidbits

Benefits like the one at Woody's make a tremendous difference to the Shelter. It was a pleasure to attend and a very good time too.

We will be attending The Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers Cat Show July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Last time some of our kitties walked away with Blue Ribbons. We are entering Bojangles in the Household Cat Division. We will keep you posted on how he does. We think every kitty at the shelter is an award winner, and if you met them you would too.

If you are interested in going to the show, visit <http://www.flcatshows.com/> and click on the details link for a printable coupon!

A couple of our elderly kitties are on special foods. We have been boiling chicken tenders, carrots, a little garlic powder, a few noodles and low sodium chicken broth and blending it super smooth. If you have any recipes for kitty soup please email it to us. They love this right now, but you know cats. I am sure they will tire of this particular recipe sooner or late...



## Peters Purr-spective...

July is an interesting month. It's known for being very hot (July and I have that in common). July is also when the Cat show runs, the 27th & 28th. If it were based on intellect I would attend, but instead I'm sending others from the shelter to go in my place.

July's main event is of course Independence Day. Now I want you to think about the cost of those neighborhood fireworks. Can you imagine how many catnip mice that money would buy? It's mind-boggling! Besides that, the noise causes me to shed profusely.

Thinking more on the subject, which is what philosophers do, independent is how they describe cats. That isn't really true. We depend on you for food, water, Vet visits, (not my favorite thing), brushing, shelter (which includes cushy beds), hurricane safety, friends (if your cat needs one we have extra cats at the shelter), entertainment, toys and most of all Love. I guess if you take care of all that stuff we can act pretty independent.

Did I mention most of the Pet stores run sales in July? So if you took my advice about wasting money on fireworks, that's where you can spend it. We are always running our BOGO (buy one get one free) special here at the shelter, if you're looking for that cat friend.

Well that's all I got. Keep you're A/C working for your pets and I'll be back in August...

Peter Draggin',

Resident Philosopher



Gus Gus getting into the Independence Day spirit

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