



The Scoop



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The Month(s) in Review

By Marnie Miszewski

First off, I have to apologize for not sending an April newsletter. It's been a busy couple months and so I decided to just combine April and May.

Let's start with the auction. Everyone wants to know how it went. Well, we grossed \$13,000 after expenses \$8,600 was left. I'd say that's a HUGE success for our first ever auction! I want to Thank Everyone who participated. From the donors, to the bidders, you all helped make the night amazing and the kitties have really benefitted from our success.



One of the first things we did with the money is scheduled some much needed dental surgeries. Thanks to the caring staff of Dr. Beckman's at Florida Animal Care and everyone with Dr. Brown at East West Veterinary Care Center, our kitties have something to smile about.

If you attended the auction, you may have seen the poster we had up of Gus Gus. He is one of our kitties who needed the dental surgery. He had Stomatitis, in which his immune system was attacking his teeth. He needed multiple extractions, and after multiple vet visits and tests, he had his surgery and is recovering nicely. Thank you to everyone who contributed and especially to Gloria who made the surgery possible! The difference in his behavior is incredible. He is happy, social and most importantly pain-free!

We are also gearing up for Maddie's Pet Adoption Days at the end of May and our Pig Roast at the end of June. The months following season are usually slow and difficult for us. This year things are different, and we couldn't be happier!



Tony owner of Anthony's On the Blvd



Sweet Tea the Whistle Blower (grrrrrrrr)

Don't be frightened, my grrrrrr is worse than my bite. I don't bite. In fact I like people, it's the other cats I hate. I practice my grrrrrr to keep them away. Intimidation works wonders and I am definitely top cat in the office!

It took me a long time to realize that this scares people. I open my mouth and that's what comes out. I know it is probably what got me surrendered, but it's how I express myself and I don't plan on changing.

I did have kind of a rough start in life. I don't want to complain, let's just say I learned to trust people at the shelter. I also never learned to purr. Sometimes people mistake my purr for a grrrr. I can't win.

I like to spend as much time as possible outside. I need my space from the other cats and it's so much fun to hunt lizards! Marnie says I'm allowed to be out as long as I remember to do my job as official greeter. People drive up, I'm supposed to let them pet me. It's a fair exchange for a bit of freedom.

They other day I heard talk of getting a shelter cam. That made me grrrrr for real! Unwarranted surveillance is a violation of our privacy! Imagine seeing what we do every waking and sleeping (which is more common for cats) moment. Seriously!

What happens at the shelter should stay at the shelter... At least when we are on our own. Okay, so I may have missed the box on a rare occasion. Do we have to broadcast it to the world? Some cats groom each other from head to tail if you know what I mean. Do you want to watch that on a cat cam while enjoying a snack?

Isn't having us on FaceBook enough? There are Cyber stalkers out there! Like those Mosquito Control helicopters across the road from the shelter. They fly so low, I think they might be watching me. They probably saw me online.

I don't know why this column is called the "Whistle Blower." I don't have a whistle, but I have a grrrr. If I feel like doing this column again, maybe I'll grrrr about microchips. We are just opening ourselves up to identity theft with those things!

Sweet Tea



Too Meat or Not To Meat...

By Betty Miszewski

...That is not the question!

Tickets are finally available for our Pig Roast on June 21st. In case you haven't heard about it, Tony from Anthony's On The Boulevard is hosting the event for us. There will be a silent auction, raffles, drink specials and entertainment. The event starts at noon and lasts until midnight, or the food runs out.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets or helping us sell them, please contact the shelter. We have a lot to sell and the more helpers, the better!

I'm not a meat eater myself, but the ticket price includes a free brunch, raffle ticket, silent auction, drink specials, and other entertainment. Add to that a fun group of people and all of the proceeds go to the kitties and I say, "Count me in!"



FREE Adoptions This Weekend!

Helping Paws Animal Sanctuary is participating in a national adoption event this weekend, May 31st and June 1st. It's called Maddie's® Pet Adoption Days and Lee County was chosen to be one of the 14 counties in 9 states that are participating.

While pets are free to qualified homes, Maddie's® Fund will donate funds to participating groups for each pet adopted during the event!

The Participating shelters or rescue groups will receive \$500 per adoption of healthy cats and dogs, \$1,000 per adoption of medically treatable or senior dogs and cats, and \$2,000 per adoption of medically treatable and senior dogs and cats.

It's a wonderful opportunity for us, and we are very excited to be a part of it!

We are expanding our adoption hours for the event although we encourage people to come in before the event and meet the kitties. With almost 200 to choose from, it may take some time to decide!

We will be open on Saturday the 31st from 1:00pm-7:00pm and Sunday the 1st from 3:00pm-7:00pm.

As always, Helping Paws offers FREE boarding and FREE nail trimming for their adopted animals.

You can follow the event, see updates and the final results at <http://adopt.maddiesfund.org> or on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/MaddiesPetAdoptionDays

Please spread the word and help us empty out the shelter!



About Maddie's Fund

Maddie's Fund® (www.maddiesfund.org) is a family foundation endowed by the founder of Workday® and PeopleSoft, Dave Duffield and his wife, Cheryl. Maddie's Fund is helping to achieve and sustain a no-kill nation by providing solutions to the most challenging issues facing the animal welfare community through the combined efforts of Maddie's® Grant Giving, Maddie's CenterSM (hands-on animal care), and Maddie's InstituteSM (research and education). Maddie's Fund is named after the family's beloved Miniature Schnauzer who passed away in 1997.