



# The Scoop



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## Helpers Wanted!

It's that time of year again. Our friends at the German American Social Club have asked us to help them staff 2 kitchens this year at the Oktober Fest.

In addition to the sausage kitchen, our help is now needed at the sandwich booth. Duties include either making cold sandwiches or serving wursts and schnitzel sandwiches with gravy.

The club recognizes our efforts with a large donation check in December.

It's easy, fun and best of all FREE FOOD! We have all kinds of shifts available. Sign up for as many as you want! Parking and admission are free.

### Sausage Kitchen sign up sheet:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4cacad23a3fc1-october>

### Sandwich Booth sign up sheet:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4cacad23a3fc1-october1>



## Rummage Sale

People have been asking if we were planning on doing the annual rummage sale this year. We usually have it in spring time, but because of the auction this year, we cancelled it.

We also have been struggling on where to store all the donated items. Since we renovated the second unit, we no longer have a "cat-free" storage space. The little "angels" tend to get into everything, so we were hoping to find some donated space.

We have made some progress at last, and are in the planning stages for hopefully a November sale.

The Benjamin's have come through again, offering to store the items at their house. We are also working on getting all proceeds matched by the generous people at Modern Woodsmen.

I will definitely send updates when a date is set and when items can be delivered. Thanks for saving your treasures for us!

## Calling All Shoppers

Belk Department stores are having a Charity Sale on November 8th from 6-10 a.m. If you are unable to attend on that day, you can reserve your merchandise starting Nov. 2nd by showing your Ticket to a sales associate and they will explain how it works.

Charity Sale Tickets cost \$5.00 and entitle the customers 20% to 70% discounts storewide including special savings on rarely discounted brands. The customer also receives \$5.00 off their first purchase during sale hours or pre sale! What a time to start your pre holiday shopping! You benefit and 100% of the proceeds from our ticket sales go directly to Helping Paws.

You can buy your tickets from Helping Paws or at the Cape Coral Store, 2342 Surfside Blvd Cape Coral 33991. Store tickets will be sold beginning October Oct. 31st thru Nov. 8th. (during the first 4 hours of the sale). You may use your ticket at any Belk Store, but only tickets purchased directly from Helping Paws or the Surfside store benefit the shelter.

If you wish to help us further by volunteering at the Belk store (straightening merchandise selling charity tickets, cleaning sales floor areas or retrieving pre sale merchandise for the customers), Helping Paws will receive an extra payout of the ticket money. Call us for additional info!

## The Show Must Go On...

A big Thank You to Yard Dog Charlie for hosting our first Labor Day BBQ.

Charlie was suffering from a summer cold and had a bad case of laryngitis. Instead of canceling, he used the event to kick off the start of his new duo The Mud Puppies.

Former Yard Dog band member Kip Lawrence, has returned to play with Charlie on a permanent basis. We owe him a big Thank You as well, for saving the day!

In addition to all the generous donations, we benefited from some media coverage. The News-Press was on hand and printed a full page story on the event, resulting in even more donations!

Thank you again, to everyone who helped, attended and donated!



## Auction

We are hoping to host next year's auction in February. I received several offers from people wanting to help plan and organize the next one.

I'm hoping to take you up on that! Organizing an auction and running the shelter was extremely difficult. Please contact me if the offer still stands! [admin@helpingpawsanimalsanctuary.com](mailto:admin@helpingpawsanimalsanctuary.com) or at the shelter 239-283-9100 ~ Marnie



## The Exorcism

By: Ivan (the former Terrible)

Fear spread through my whole body and my paws began to tingle. He was coming to the shelter to bless the cats! Where could I hide? Would the Buddhist Lama see my naughtiness and mistake it for EVIL???

The other cats were happy and excited. We would be having guests, maybe an adoption or two, but all I could think of was my reputation. Could he tell just by looking? Would the other cats or volunteers squeal? Was it too late to become a good kitty? Maybe if I sat real still he would think I was a cat statue (but what if I had an itch?) I could go in the litter box and pretend I was too "busy" to see him...

Too late he was here and the media too! Would I puke green hairballs? Would my tail spin around? I was so nervous.

Then he was standing in front of me, smiling. He talked in a low voice that sounded like purring. That quickly it was over. I was blessed. It didn't even hurt. Now I was supposed to be a good kitty, but how?

I heard him say it was all about Kindness. Since that day I have tried to be a little nicer to my fellow felines. My karma has gotten a little better and they are nicer to me too.

Change is hard. I'm not sure how long I can keep this good boy routine up. I think on Halloween I will wear a mask and be as terrible as I want... they will never know it's me!

Once a year the old Ivan will resurface, so don't tell (especially Santa!)

Ivan