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STANLEY, FORMER CAPE CORAL ANIMAL SHELTER RESIDENT, DUMPED IN TENNESSEE

While shelters expect “forever homes” to be forever, some adopters appear to see things differently.

Meet Stanley.

Stanley was brought to the Cape Coral Animal Shelter from a frequently-overcrowded Clewiston Animal Control facility on May 22, 2020...three days after the shelter initially opened. Stanley was heartworm-positive and in need of medical care.

Stanley was a staff favorite in Cape Coral. Despite his difficult start, despite being abandoned and moved about from shelter to shelter, Stanley retained hope and kindness towards people. Friendly and loving, employees and volunteers at the shelter all seemed to form a bond with this special Terrier-Hound mix.

An adopter came forward and Stanley’s friends at the shelter believed that he would finally have that which all dogs and cats deserve...a safe and loving place to lay their head...a forever home.

Quite sadly, approximately one year later, Stanley found himself at the Lee County Domestic Animal Services shelter. Having been microchipped and having the Cape Coral Animal Shelter listed as a secondary contact, LCDAS reached out and asked Cape Coral Executive Director, Liz McCauley, if she would take Stanley back.

Liz, of course, agreed.

Stanley began stint number two at the Cape Coral Animal Shelter.

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A new adopter came forward and Stanley was finally going “home.”

That sense of happiness ended, recently, when a message was received, on social media, at the Cape Coral Animal Shelter.

It was at that time that staff learned that Stanley had been found abandoned...sitting on a porch in very rural Tennessee. Once again, Stanley’s microchip saved the day and allowed a kind rescuer, “Cris,” to identify CCAS as a secondary contact.



Cris indicated that she might have a home for Stanley and Liz McCauley agreed asking only that the new owner’s information and address be provided to her. The placement was with a wonderful family, however, their two male dogs didn’t seem to

appreciate Stanley’s addition to the family.

As a result, that placement fell through and Stanley was, once again, homeless.

In a world of cruelty and heartlessness, goodness still exists and a kind heart, or two, can be found.

Liz needed a way to bring Stanley home to Cape Coral...a long way from the state of Tennessee. Cris agreed to

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drive halfway and meet in Georgia. Cape Coral Animal Shelter Volunteer, Bob Sheeler, agreed to make the round trip up to the Peach State.

Stanley was finally back “home,” with people who genuinely love him, here in Southwest Florida.

And, following NBC’s coverage of the story, a new family came forward and adopted Stanley!



“SENIOR OF THE MONTH”

“Zero,” a “Schoolhouse Rock” star from way back, is in need of a loving place of his own.

Zero was sadly surrendered by his owner who reportedly did not have the time to provide him with the love and attention that he deserves.

Residing at the Animal Refuge Center, this sweet senior is affectionate and playful.



This fur-ball deserves a safe home surrounded by people who do have the time and the willingness to show him the love that he deserves.

Interested?



Please call or stop by the Animal Refuge Center located at 18011 Old Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers or call 239-731-3535 for additional information.

The Animal Refuge Center is open for visits Wednesday

through Sunday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CELL DOG PROGRAM

Many of the canines that arrive at our local shelters are in need of training, would benefit from learning social skills and are in need of caring attention.

This holds true for many of those individuals incarcerated at the Lee County Jail.



Together with certified canine trainers, both the dogs and the incarcerated individuals have an opportunity to benefit from one another and enjoy a second

chance; a fresh start.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Cell Dog Program reduces recidivism as inmates begin to recognize that they are valuable, capable of responsible behavior and that another living being has benefitted as a result of their caring efforts.

As for the pups...canines that have completed the Cell Dog training are usually quickly adopted and have a greater likelihood of a successful and long-lasting placement.

Win-win.

For additional information regarding the adoption of Cell Dog Program graduates, please contact one of our county's local shelters.



October is
"Adopt a Shelter Dog"
month



Q&A WITH DR. MEGAN DAVIS, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL OPERATIONS AT CAPE CORAL ANIMAL SHELTER

Dr. Megan Davis joined the Cape Coral Animal Shelter as Director of Medical Operations in April of 2022 and oversees the veterinary care for patients at the shelter's veterinary clinic as well as their shelter animals.

Monthly, Dr. Davis kindly takes time out of her busy day to answer questions emailed to the Lee County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force.

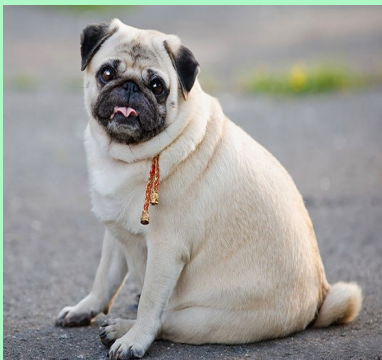
Question: "I have a senior dog (11 years old) who is suddenly urinating in the house. He's never done that before. How do I know if this is diabetes or another medical issue?"

Dr. Megan Davis: "The signs of diabetes can be hard to recognize as they can be similar to other diseases or conditions, especially in the earlier stages.

Increased thirst and urination are two of the most common signs of diabetes in dogs. This thirst is typically excessive. A dog may empty a water bowl then look for more; they cannot satisfy their thirst. The urination will also be excessive. It is typically very dilute, almost colorless like the water they've been drinking. The dog will urinate large volumes often and usually they start having accidents in the house. Often this apparent loss of house training is what prompts owners to bring their pet to the vet as that is when they start to realize that something might actually be wrong.

Until it has reached an advanced untreated stage, a dog with diabetes will have a normal appetite. Often their appetite is actually increased because their body is not using sugar appropriately and cells need glucose for basic functions. Despite this good appetite the dog may lose weight and start to develop a prominent spine and "pot bellied" appearance.

It is important to note that diabetes in dogs is typically a disease of middle aged to senior dogs. It is rare for a dog to be born with diabetes.



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So don't discount diabetes as a possibility because your dog is older!

A dog with kidney disease may also have increased thirst/urination and weight loss but usually we would see a poor appetite and some weakness and lethargy.



A dog with increased water intake due to heat is likely to have less urine output and the urine they do have is likely to be very concentrated (dark yellow in color) with a strong odor.

When in doubt make a vet appointment! A basic chemistry panel will rule in or out serious causes of your pup's increased thirst."

TEACHING CHILDREN ABOUT RESPECT FOR ANIMALS

Educating our county's youth regarding animal rights and the appropriate treatment of animals is one of the Lee County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force's priorities.

The task force frequently visits local schools, with Lieutenant Hope in-tow, and chats with the students on an age-appropriate level.



Based upon this photo, it appears that Lieutenant Hope simply refused to get out of her pajamas before leaving the house!

Nevertheless, the children at Cape Alliance Church didn't seem to mind.

OCTOBER 27: NATIONAL BLACK CAT DAY

The ultimate Halloween icon...believed to be cohorts of witches and dark spirits...the black cat has been unfairly stereotyped in the most negative ways.

Unbeknownst to many, the black cat has very positive connotations in both Celtic and Japanese tradition and folklore.

The Cat Fancier's Association, established in the United States in 1906, is currently the world's largest registry of pedigreed



cats. According to the CFA, there are 22 feline breeds that may have solid black coats...most having golden irises as a result of high melanin pigment content.

Interestingly, a study at the National Institutes for Health issued data that genetic mutations that result in black coats may offer these felines protection from a number of diseases.

October 27, is "National Black Cat Day."

As black cats have statistically been shown to have low adoption numbers, by no fault of their own, "National Cat Day" is a wonderful opportunity to visit a local shelter or rescue and provide a home for these wrongly-labelled felines!

SENIOR TERRIER MIX, "LUDO" IN NEED OF SOME LOVE

Ludo was first accepted into the Animal Refuge Center in November of 2016 and was subsequently adopted. Sadly, his new owner passed away and Ludo found himself back at the shelter.



This boy is so deserving of a loving home! Are you the one to provide a safe forever home for this furry guy?

Please stop by the Animal Refuge Center, located at 18011 Old Bayshore Road in

North Fort Myers and say hello! For additional information regarding Ludo or any of the other wonderful shelter animals, please call 239-731-3535.

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NOVEMBER
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GOLDENFEST XIII

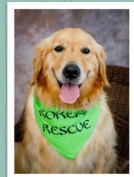
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The Shell Factory & Nature Park
10am - 2pm 18554 N. Cleveland Ave, North Fort Myers

Dozens of service & product vendors
First Responders & K9s
GRRSWF Alumni Reunion
Pictures with Santa Paws
Agility
Obedience
Pup Wading Pools

Flyball
Silent Auctions
Huge Raffle
Live music, food
Pony rides
Bounce Houses
Free Admission & Parking
And so much more ..



HURRICANE IAN RECOVERY CELEBRATION

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force joined Cape Coral residents, one year following the hurricane, to celebrate the county's recovery from the storm.



Lieutenant Hope, Robbie the robo-dog and the Ice Cream Response Team were also on hand, at the Wicked Dolphin, to show support for those who endured the damage

done by Ian and have worked diligently to restore Cape Coral to its pre-storm beauty.

Special thanks to the Wicked Dolphin for hosting this incredible event and for all that they do for the community.



SKYE LOOKING FOR A HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

What a beautiful face...

“Skye,” a resident at the Cape Coral Animal Shelter, would absolutely love to spend the upcoming holidays in a safe and loving home of her own.



This friendly girl is approximately three to five years of age.

If you have room in your home for this sweet girl, please stop by the

Cape Coral Animal Shelter, located at 325 SW 2nd Avenue in Cape Coral, and say hello!

For additional information regarding Skye or any of her furry friends, please call CCAS at 239-573-2002.

**BY CHANCE...
DO YOU KNOW
50 HOMES
LOOKING TO
ADOPT A PUPPY
OR A KITTEN?
YOU DON'T?
REALLY?
NEITHER DO WE.
SPAY OR NEUTER
YOUR PET(S)!**



**ANIMAL CRUELTY TASK FORCE,
ALL OF LEE COUNTY, LOSE A DEAR FRIEND**



Sheriff Carmine Marceno’s Animal Cruelty Task Force is saddened by the passing of our dear friend and proud supporter Bernard Patrick "B Pat" O'Rourke.

B Pat was a gentle soul with a heart of gold. He cared deeply about animals and volunteered hundreds of hours in support of our efforts to eradicate animal

abuse in Lee County.

B Pat sponsored numerous pet adoption events and personally covered adoption fees in an effort to help find loving and caring homes for homeless shelter pets.

A true champion for Lee County and it’s residents, B Pat devoted a significant portion of his life to bettering our community.



We promise to honor your wishes by continuing your legacy and by protecting those who cannot protect themselves.

Rest, B Pat.

We love you and miss you.

“If you choose to abuse an animal, make no mistake—you will go to jail and be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.”

- Sheriff Carmine Marceno

