



FEBRUARY 2025

**PHASE II GROUNDBREAKING AT
CAPE CORAL ANIMAL SHELTER**

With a rapidly growing population and an increasing need for space for shelter pets, the Cape Coral Animal Shelter and Veterinary Clinic broke ground for "Phase II" construction.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force was on-hand for the pivotal and momentous event as dignitaries dug their shovels into the dirt to signify the start of this remarkable project.



Phase II will more than triple the existing space and offer amenities such as a community room and space for dog training.

Currently working with an undersized facility, the shelter has done miraculous work here in our county. The new 19,000 square foot facility will be nothing short of a blessing for our county's animal community.



(Groundbreaking...continued)

Fundraising efforts continue and any and all financial assistance is greatly appreciated. Additionally, opportunities exist for naming rights for various areas, amenities, etc.

For additional illustrations and plans, and for donation information, please visit the shelter's website at <https://capecoralanimalshelter.com/capital-campaign/>.

JOIN THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE CLINIC FOR THE REHABILITATION OF WILDLIFE (C.R.O.W.) FOR AN AMAZING LUNCH & LEARN

"SNAKES AND STUFF..."

OUR SCALEY NEIGHBORS TEND TO BE EITHER LOVED OR HATED, WITH LITTLE NEUTRALITY. WHY IS THIS? WHAT IS THE ROLE OF NATURE VS NURTURE IN HOW HUMANS REGARD SNAKES?

JOIN BRITTNAY FROM CROW, AND ONE OF HER SCALEY COWORKERS, TO DISCUSS THE MYTHS, THE TRUTHS, AND THE ROLES OF SNAKES IN FLORIDA AND ABROAD!

WHERE: LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER AT MIROMAR OUTLETS, 10801 CORKSCREW ROAD, SUITE 190. ESTERO

WHEN: THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025 11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

FREE LUNCH GENEROUSLY DONATED BY FORD'S GARAGE OF MIROMAR OUTLETS

REGISTRATION REQUIRED! SEATING LIMITED!
EMAIL GLEVINE@SHERIFFLEEFL.ORG

THE LOSS OF OUR FRIEND, ELI...



Serving the Lee County community since 2013, K9 Eli has been a partner, a protector and a friend to all of us at the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

His faithful nature and work ethic made him an asset to our agency; his devotion to his handler made him our buddy.

Few understand the volume and difficulty of the training undertaken by law-enforcement K9s and their handlers.

Their abilities are remarkable, as are their contributions. We love them, as one would love family, and depend on them, as coworkers, under the most difficult and stressful circumstances.

Eli was a fast learner and a diligent worker. These traits made him an incredible K9 officer.

He played a key role in the work done by our agency assisting in the apprehension of 103 suspects and participating in over 200 narcotics searches.

In 2019, Eli retired and remained with his handler. A loving family member, he enjoyed the care, love and attention that he received.

On February 26, 2025, the Lee County Sheriff's Office was forced to say goodbye to our family member, Eli, as he passed peacefully.

Eli will never be forgotten and his work, on behalf of our community, will be appreciated and remembered forever.



SHERIFF CARMINE MARCENO REMINDS YOU...

**Abuse an
Animal?**

You Will Go to Jail!



BRUSHING YOUR DOG'S TEETH: SOME THOUGHTS

Much like trimming your dog's nails, tooth brushing is no easy task.

Brushing, however, reduces plaque buildup and, in most cases, prevents tooth decay, infections and/or painful gum disease.

Prior to beginning, please be advised that there are toothbrushes specifically made for canine use. These brushes have a specially-angled head and soft bristles. If your dog will not allow you to use a brush, finger brushes may be your best approach.

Additionally, there are canine toothpastes that are meat, poultry and/or peanut butter flavored. **DO NOT USE HUMAN TOOTHPASTE AS IT WILL LIKELY HAVE DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS ON YOUR DOG'S DIGESTIVE SYSTEM.**

Keep a handful of your dog's favorite treats in your pocket. Small, crunchy treats are recommended. Be prepared to reward him/her for cooperating.



Choosing a location is important. As brushing is a foreign activity to dogs, it is helpful to find a relaxing and comfortable location to reduce your dog's anxiety. Do not hold them down, hover over them or tether them when attempting to brush their teeth. This will prove to be traumatic and make brushing nearly impossible.

With a dab of the canine toothpaste on your finger, gently touch your finger to their gums. This ensures that your dog will allow you access to his/her teeth and will prepare them for the taste of the toothpaste.

Speaking in low, friendly tones will reassure your pet that all is well

and likely help your dog to remain calm.

Once this has been accomplished, apply a small amount of the paste to the toothbrush and begin to gently brush at a 45-degree angle. By angling the brush, you will ensure that plaque is removed at the gum line.

Reward when finished!

If daily brushing is impossible, you will find that periodic brushing is helpful. Try several days a week or as often as Fido allows!



**WE NEED
YOUR SUPPORT!**

**PLEASE "FOLLOW"
US ON THE
LEE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ANIMAL CRUELTY
FACEBOOK PAGE!**

FACEBOOK.COM/LCSO.ACTF



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CRIME STOPPERS TO LAUNCH ANTI-ANIMAL ABUSE BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN

With generously donated funding and the assistance of Lamar Advertising, Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers will be launching a robust billboard campaign encouraging residents to report animal abuse.



Prior campaigns successfully elicited large numbers of reports of abuse and maltreatment of Lee County pets, livestock and wildlife.

SPEAK UP

FOR THE VOICE- LESS



◀ Khaleesi was rescued in Cape Coral after suffering horrific neglect at her former owners hands. She was severely malnourished and couldn't even stand. Today, she is healed and in a loving home. Her former owners were jailed on felony charges. One call made all the difference.

SWFL CRIME STOPPERS



STOP DOG FIGHTING AND ANIMAL CRUELTY NOW!

CALL CRIME STOPPERS AT
1-800-780-TIPS
(8477)

TO PROTECT ANIMALS WHO CANNOT PROTECT THEMSELVES.

Paid by CSTF

JOIN LEE COUNTY DOMESTIC ANIMAL SERVICES AND THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR

**PET SAFETY FOR KIDS
"LUNCH & LEARN"**

CHILDREN WILL LEARN THE "DO'S AND DON'T'S" OF INTERACTING WITH YOUR PETS AND WITH UNFAMILIAR CANINES. WE WILL TEACH THE SIGNS DOGS GIVE WHEN THEY ARE UNCOMFORTABLE AND WAYS TO AVOID BEING BITTEN.

WHERE: LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER AT MIROMAR OUTLETS
10801 CORKSCREW ROAD,
SUITE 190, ESTERO



WHEN: WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 12, 2025
11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

FREE LUNCH GENEROUSLY PROVIDED BY
LUGI'S PASTA É PIZZA OF MIROMAR OUTLETS

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!
SEATING LIMITED!
EMAIL
CLEVINE@SHERIFFLEEFLORC



"NATIONAL LOVE YOUR PET DAY"

The LCSO Animal Cruelty Task Force wasn't about to allow "National Love Your Pet Day" pass without fanfare!

The Animal Cruelty Task Force visited the Gulf Coast Humane Society and distributed "pup-cups" to all of the pooches!

Not the neatest of eaters, many of the excited canines splashed and splattered whipped cream on our clothing, which we honestly enjoyed!



GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE

Our friends from Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida stopped by to say "thank you" to the Lee County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force for our participation in this year's GoldenFest event.



MEET "BARNEY"

Barney has spent far too much time in shelter care (multiple shelters) and is so deserving of a loving home.



Reportedly, Barney knows his basic commands, loves going for walks, wading in his pool and sitting on his bench giving kisses."

If you have room in your heart for this special guy...or know someone who does...please contact the Animal Refuge Center (239-731-3535) or by visiting Barney at their shelter located at 18011 Old Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers.

"WOOF WALK" WITH ANIMAL REFUGE CENTER

To date, we continue to wonder who enjoys our monthly "Woof Walks" the most...the pooches or the Animal Cruelty Task Force.

Certainly, the pups benefit from the exercise and the social exposure that these walks offer. ACTF staff, on the other hand, watches these canines have an incredible day...eating snow-cones, gobbling down pup-cups, receiving scores of belly-rubs.

When the concept of parading dogs around shopping malls presented itself, none of us had a notion that these walks would become as meaningful and as pleasurable as they have become!



"MOONLIGHT" AND "FLOPSY"

Moonlight and Flopsy are a loving, bonded pair searching for their forever home together!

Moonlight, a 2-year-old male Havana, is sweet and sociable—especially with kids. He enjoys exploring,



playing with forage toys, and sitting by your feet for pets.

Flopsy, a 3-year-old female Rex mix, is a bit more selective with people but absolutely adores Moonlight. She loves snuggling up with him in a cozy blanket and, while not the biggest fan of petting, she'll tolerate it—especially if treats are involved. Both are smart, adventurous, and litter-trained.

They share a strong bond, often grooming and cuddling together, making them a heartwarming addition to any family. They even get along well with other bunnies!

Interested in opening up your home and heart to these sweeties? Please visit respectforrabbits.org or call Southwest Florida House Rabbit Rescue at 410-382-2433.

JOIN THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND
LEE COUNTY DOMESTIC ANIMAL SERVICES FOR

FREE MICROCHIPPING & MICROCHIP INSPECTION

PET OWNERS CAN BE CERTAIN THAT THEIR PET'S
MICROCHIP IS UP TO DATE OR RECEIVE FREE
MICROCHIPPING, IF NECESSARY!

WHERE: LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER
AT GULF COAST TOWN CENTER
9918 GULF COAST MAIN STREET, SUITE B120,
FORT MYERS

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025
FROM 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

