



**S.P.A.Y.-L.E.E., INC.**

P. O. BOX 6577, FORT MYERS, FL 33911

2015 SUMMER/FALL

address service requested

Charitable, Non Profit, Volunteer Animal Welfare Organization

**WAYS TO HELP US HELP THEM.....**

**QUARTER AUCTIONS....**Karyn Brooks ( **Karyn's Events.com**) has conducted fundraising and FUN monthly events for SPAY LEE- the fourth Thursday evening 6-8:30 PM (usually - except for Thanksgiving and Christmas). They've been at the Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church Community Hall, Cypress Lakes Drive and Overlook Drive. Quarter auctions raise money for the charitable group- guests buy bid paddles (\$3 or 2 for \$5) that they use to bid (by quarters - usually 2 or 3 depending on the bid item) for fun items donated by the vendors or by the charity. OH- AND...if you bring a pet related item- (paper towels, Friskies cat food cans, DAWN detergent, bleach) you'll get a coupon for each .50 cents of value approximately, for a gift drawing. Plus, there's a 50-50 raffle and great food that can be purchased. The date and location may change later so you are welcome to call 239 939 3680.

**WOWauctionsite.com-** does charitable fundraising (and private individual participants) via online auctions. This replaces yard sales, and supporters can donate items (You get a tax form) to benefit the charity. Auctions run about 2 weeks and there are two a month. The final bids take place by 7 PM on Wednesdays. They also donate a % of their net proceeds to participating charities depending on the % of "votes" generated when accessing the website, click on Non-Profits at the website top, charities are listed on the right side- select SPAY LEE and "VOTE"... you can do this every day. Check out the great buys on the auction site too.....

**AMAZONSMILE** -make your purchases benefit SPAY-LEE at  
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/65-0417180> and we receive a percentage of your purchase.

## MEMORIALS

**EMMA RALEY ARGENTO...** and “*KING*”, “*HELLE*”, and “*SPIRIT*” and thanks for the support from their wonderful friends- Candice and Rick Thiele, Nita and Carson Spitler, Liz Norrid, and, of course SPAY LEE

by Vic Argento and “*PRINCESS*”

**HANK SOBEL** and **GORDON STEPHENS....** beloved Dads of Rich Sobel and Diane Stephens  
by Janice Hess and their friends at SPAY LEE

**JOHN McILROY** ...kind gentleman ..neighbor and friend  
by Susan Gowing & Shirley Stewart

**JUDITH FINKELSTEIN...**dearly beloved sadly missed by her caring daughter, Sheila Marquardt  
by Judie and AJ

**DAVID BOVARD...** dear husband of our long time friend, Marion,  
by SPAY LEE

**“ANIMAL RESCUE LOSSES....WE MISS THEM TERRIBLY”** *March 2015 ...a bad month*

**HELEN BANKS** ...formerly of Bonita Springs, founder of SECOND CHANCE FOR GREY-HOUNDS, worked tirelessly to benefit animals, Died in Hendersonville,NC on March 13, 2015

**JUDI HESS**, of Miami...who worked on behalf of rescuing dogs from Miami Dade Animal Control, and helped transport them across the state- without whom we could not have saved many, many dobermans...Judi worked with Paws 4 Us until her death in March 2015

**MARYANNE CATANZARITE...**Cape Coral who we knew in rescue since 1995, saved hundreds of cats and dogs until her death, also in March. She left several dogs, and we accepted the last ...Sophie and Tiny who have been placed into great families.

“*OSCAR*” Sobel- the KING CAT who had to “approve” every doberman the Sobels adopted  
by SPAY LEE

“*DUKE*” chocolate lab rescued at 10 years of age by Bob & Kathy Hess - gave them another 5 years  
by Candice and Rick Thiele

“*DUDLEY*” gentle giant Mastiff sadly missed by Davie and June Cochran  
by Candice and Rick Thiele

“*My 4 Legged Kids*” - too many to memorialize -  
by Esther M. Urso

“*TREASURE*” and “*FLUFFY*” - forever in hearts and minds  
by Grace Golling and family

“*TERRA*” and “*NACHO*” dokes from Miami through the work of Judi Hess way back in 2002..before Nacho was even born...  
by Al and Judie Piccola

“*CLARK*”, “*SHRECK*”, “*SPEEDBUMP*”, and “*LEWIS*” Amy Kolb’s babies, left her all this year  
by Jinx & SPAY LEE

“*STAR*”, at 17 years, old poodle, from Animal Control, had the last 3 years of his life with Shirley Stewart and “*COOKIE CAT*” the old stray who found Shirley

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**PRESIDENT:**

Judie Piccola

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Sharon Brandt

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Shirley Stewart

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Kate Whittington

**DIRECTOR AT LARGE**

Lisa Tyler Collins

A non profit Animal Welfare Organization- 501 (c) (3) tax deductible, operated by volunteers

- ....provide information/referral for low cost pet sterilizations
- ....promote low cost NEUTER clinics
- ....assist in helping maintain health of needy pets
- ....work for animal welfare
- ....education
- ....shelter/foster when possible
- ....adoptions to quality homes
- ....prevent cruelty to animals

### MEMBERSHIPS

**\$15 SINGLE**  
**\$25 FAMILY**  
**\$50 BUSINESS**  
**\$100 PATRON**  
**\$500 LIFE**

### ANNUAL MEETING

**3rd Monday in December 6:30PM**

### BOARD MEETINGS 1:00PM

**fourth Sunday of March June, September- welcome to attend- call for site.**

Pursuant to Fla. Dept of Agriculture Division of Consumer Services  
"A copy of the official registration & financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services call TOLL FREE in Fla: 1-800-435-7352 Our Registration # CH 7658 Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the State"  
There are no professional fundraisers engaged, 100% of incoming donations benefit the organization, officers receive no compensation. Portions of this statement are required by law.

I absolutely hate HATE HATE asking our volunteers, members, supporters for **HELP!!!**

But sometimes it's a necessity to keep what & who we worked for alive and well. Most animal welfarists and rescues need financial help to provide for the physical and mental needs of the dogs and cats (and even birds, horses, and small animals) in the care of those rescues.

When serving animals, there is always a critical need for veterinary services. Without the kindness of veterinarians who help rescues with large discounts we could not provide proper medical assistance. Sometimes there is a need for financial help for a family pet with a critical issue for which we have provided what we call "outreach" assistance to get that medical and sometimes life-saving treatment.

In these times, it's necessary for rescues to carry "INSURANCE"....especially if they place animals for adoption. There is "General Liability". "Director and Officer Insurance", "Volunteer Accident Insurance", "Employer Comp" Insurance.... all necessary for the protection of the public or the stores and/or agencies that permit the rescues to "do business" on their property. Our costs this year are over \$5,000 just for insurances.

We provide quality pet food, all necessary medications, heartworm and flea protection and provide housing for 70 dogs and cats (varies) although some are here "for life" mostly due to age.

For years, Carolyn Kimbrell and I did the physical animal care. There are very few able to volunteer out here in Buckingham, and unfortunately I'm now unable to physically do what I was able to manage to do some years ago. We've had to hire part time employees which is one of our major expenditures. But the animals REQUIRE caretakers.

Our monthly expenses average \$12,000. If you can help in any amount, we (& the dogs and cats) will "live to see another day" and really, really appreciate your kindness. If you are already helping, THANK YOU. If you'd like to help, [www.spay-lee.com](http://www.spay-lee.com) has a "DONATE" PayPal button, so does our Facebook site....SPAY-LEEAnimalWelfare, or mail - P.O.Box 6577, Ft Myers, Fl 33911  
God Bless....



Please follow us on Facebook:

SPAY-LEE,IncAnimalWelfare, Lisa keeps us informed....

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Income Statement Summary

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
10-100 Adoptions	405.00	1,620.00	1,450.00	2,575.00	2,700.00	2,190.00							10,940.00
10-110 PetSmart Adoptions		225.00	200.00										425.00
10-200 Donations	397.00	396.18	2,307.00	25,511.00	406.14	1,060.00	1,301.00						31,378.32
10-210 Donations - Honor													
10-220 Donations - Memorial			50.00	131.00		25.00							206.00
10-230 Donation - Directed			100.00										100.00
10-300 Grants													
10-400 Bequests		5,000.00											5,000.00
10-500 Fundraiser - Garage Sale			823.90	396.65		451.25	360.00						2,412.05
10-510 Fundraiser - Quarter Auction	380.25												
10-520 Fundraiser - Raffle Tickets													
10-530 Fundraiser - Other													
10-600 Memberships	50.00	25.00	0.03			0.03							75.00
10-700 Interest													0.06
10-800 Reimbursements													
10-900 Credit (Fuel Acct)													
10-1300 Donation - Fuel													
<b>Income</b>	<b>1,232.25</b>	<b>7,041.18</b>	<b>4,955.93</b>	<b>26,238.65</b>	<b>2,981.14</b>	<b>4,236.28</b>	<b>3,851.00</b>						<b>50,536.43</b>
20-100 Veterinarian	2,258.91	1,730.95	2,696.93	500.25	1,977.16	3,379.04	2,534.10						15,077.34
20-110 Veterinarian Outreach	5,347.22	193.91			1,744.89	1,299.25							8,585.27
20-120 Microchip	50.00	100.00	278.19	300.00	200.00	119.95							1,048.14
20-200 Facilities - Maintenance													
20-220 Fundraisers - Expense	12.72												12.72
20-230 Room Rental - Expense	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00									300.00
20-300 Legal													
20-310 Telephone	86.25	76.23	71.04	71.73	72.25	79.72	70.23						527.45
20-400 Postage													
20-410 PO Box Rental													
20-420 Office Expense	71.73			24.79		50.00							146.52
20-500 Supplies - Office	89.82	382.96	137.57		257.29	102.39	71.39						1,041.42
20-510 Supplies - Medical		213.61	(47.21)	160.89	67.73	188.50	50.00						633.52
20-560 Supplies - Pet	344.91	17.55	312.55	127.51	69.65	275.89	421.42						1,569.48
20-570 Supplies - Food	1,416.77	1,198.94	291.63	1,124.44	1,869.38	1,923.34	1,185.51						9,010.01
20-600 Payroll - Fees	110.00	110.00	135.00	138.39	165.00	180.08	136.22						974.69
20-610 Payroll - Taxes	251.89	300.51	299.20	330.36	405.21	448.24	352.55						2,387.96
20-620 Payroll - Wages	2,300.25	2,744.25	2,732.38	3,016.63	3,718.50	4,093.25	3,219.00						21,824.26
20-630 Pet Care	580.00	840.00	1,458.00	1,189.95	1,240.00	740.00	1,325.00						7,372.95
20-640 Gifting	8.45												8.45
20-650 Charitable Contributions		100.00		100.00									200.00
20-700 Business Insurance		300.00		2,577.00		1,097.00							3,974.00
20-810 Fuel	69.02	68.56	71.11	76.00	79.00	82.00							445.69
20-820 Mileage Reimbursement	1,223.82	631.95	632.45	645.39	684.41	401.67	519.75						4,739.44
20-900 Professional Fees	2,000.00				1,125.00								3,125.00
20-910 PayPal Fees	3.35					2.36							5.71
20-1000 Bank Fee						170.78							170.78
20-1100 Permits/Licenses		70.00											70.00
20-1900 Miscellaneous		58.98											58.98
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>16,300.11</b>	<b>9,213.40</b>	<b>9,143.84</b>	<b>10,458.33</b>	<b>13,675.47</b>	<b>14,633.46</b>	<b>9,885.17</b>						<b>83,309.78</b>
<b>OPERATING NET INCOME</b>	<b>(15,067.86)</b>	<b>(2,172.22)</b>	<b>(4,187.91)</b>	<b>15,780.32</b>	<b>(10,694.33)</b>	<b>(10,397.18)</b>	<b>(6,034.17)</b>						<b>(32,773.35)</b>

Financial summary through July 2015.....

Bunny World Foundation  
RESCUE EXPLAINED.....

...  
The neglect changes you.  
The abuse hardens you.  
The suffering breaks you.  
The ignorance angers you.  
The indifference disturbs you.  
The injustice destroys you.  
On a daily basis...your faith  
will be tested.  
Your heart will be wounded...  
Your soul will be altered.  
On a weekly basis...you'll  
question yourself.  
You'll question your strength.  
You'll question the world.  
On a monthly basis...you'll  
fall down.  
You'll get up.  
You'll go on...  
On a yearly basis...you'll  
look back...  
You'll see faces...  
You couldn't save them.  
You'll learn to mourn.  
To grieve.  
To sob.  
You'll learn to trust a  
little less.  
To do a little more.  
To fight a little harder.  
You'll learn to try.  
To hope.  
To pray.  
You'll learn to fail.  
To succeed.  
To accept.  
You'll learn when to  
hold on.  
When to give up.  
When to let go.  
You'll learn who you are.  
What you stand for.  
Why that matters.

Then... at times... you'll  
forget why you matter.  
You'll question what  
you're  
doing.  
You'll wonder if it's worth  
it.  
But...here's the good  
news...  
When you forget...  
When you question...  
When you wonder...  
All you have to do...  
Is take a look around...  
And you'll see them.  
You'll see their faces.  
You'll see their smiles.  
You'll feel their love.  
In their eyes, you'll see  
their journeys...  
You'll remember their  
beginnings...  
You'll know how far  
they've come...  
You'll remember when  
they didn't know you...  
When they didn't trust  
you...  
When they'd given up.  
You'll remember how  
you healed them...  
How you loved them...  
How they loved you, too.  
And as you look back...  
You'll want to move  
forward...  
For them... and because  
of them.  
In your darkest hours,  
you'll look around...  
To find the differences  
made...the hope  
given...  
and the lives saved...  
Because you existed.

In those moments, when  
you look into their eyes...  
Every doubt will be erased.  
Every question will be  
answered.  
Every worry will subside.  
Because in that instant...  
in each of your hearts...  
You both share the very  
same thought: "Every  
bit of pain was worth it...  
for this moment here  
with you."  
And honestly...no matter  
what else happens...  
Those moments hold all  
the strength you need...  
To keep going.  
Rescue is pain.  
Rescue is joy.  
Rescue is worth it...  
because they are worth it.  
And that's the honest truth.  
~ Ashley Owen Hill

.....  
This is why we do what we  
do...and what YOU do to  
make it possible...to make  
a difference - there is a  
saying...  
Saving a dog will not make  
a difference to the world,  
But it means the world to  
that dog (or cat or whoever).  
Sometimes what we do  
gives the animal the rest  
of his/her life in a loving  
family.  
Sometimes it means letting  
the animal live in a shelter  
-safe and well fed but not in  
that loving family.  
Sometimes it's holding that  
animal while sending him/  
her to the Rainbow Bridge.  
saving a lifetime of pain.  
This is rescue.

**MEMORIALS** continued

For everyone I've loved.... 2 on the floor (**Tom and Tim**), 4 on the floor (dogs and cats) and 2 on the perch (the birds)...all who've crossed the Rainbow Bridge, know that I love and miss you every day.  
by Sunny Dowling... and her friends at SPAY LEE

and from Tammy Ayer - a Memorial for B.C. aka "**PRINCESS**" kitty and a message from "**PETE**" from the Rainbow Bridge a little feral mama whose story is on  
<https://www.facebook.com/peteandherkittens>

**HONORING** the bond between Vic Argento and "Princess"- this wonderful dobe (alumnus of SPAY LEE) who helped Vic get through some really hard times  
by Nita and Carson Spittler

It would be great to be able to do photos.. but that can't be helped right now- so we will just summarize some of our happenings..

A batch of feral babies were found behind a Walmart- under a tarp...real little ones- We don't usually take kittens- it is so difficult to place them before they become cats and our cost is almost \$140 per kitten to have totally vetted... people don't want to pay a \$50 adoption fee. Kate Whittington took on the handfeeding and they are gorgeous 4 month olds.... We still have 3....

In April we took in 14 small dogs from a situation in Cape Coral- and a few were very old. The oldest was "Don" a little chihuahua with a mouthful of rotten teeth and a decayed lower jaw. We had the teeth removed and the jaw stayed (thought it would fracture off actually) and this little guy still managed to eat kibble by tossing a piece in the air and gumming it. "Don" was adopted in June by a family full of rescued dogs. He's learned to use a doggie door, and doing great.

Five years ago we took in "Chewy" who was supposed to be 3 years old and 3.5 lbs. Well he was 3.5 lbs- and guessed to be between 3 and 13 years old. He was also starving and apparently was only fed every few days at night. He lived in my bathtub for 5 years at night and would only eat in the tub when he was alone. A lovely lady from Naples came to meet Missy -another chihuahua who had undergone patellar surgery. She happened to see Chooch's blanket move (he spent his days in my kitchen in his dog bed under a blanket) and on hearing his story- adopted him, too....He has a whole new life ahead of him....no matter how old he is.

"Pierre" was among the Cape Coral Crew - an old poodle who also needed all his teeth removed. He didn't know they were gone and would go into attack mode when he was irritated- and even though we all knew there were no teeth- we still jumped back when he was doing his thing. But this dog LOVED Lisa. Any time he saw her, he'd bounce up and down wagging his rear. He now lives with Lisa- still has some of that attitude, but it doesn't faze Lisa.

"OTTO", the red doberman, has been with us 19 months- his demodex and infections made him a bloody mess. Dr.Ernie and MyPetsVet in Lehigh has worked diligently to overcome this disaster, and FINALLY, Otto is looking good. He's now off all medications and antibiotics and hopefully his immune system will prevent a recurrence. If he's cleared for adoption, we will all be thrilled....especially Lisa who has been his chauffeur taking him back and forth to Dr.Ernie's.

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*Thank you for your continued support*