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VOLUNTEER, CHARITABLE, 501 (c) (3) NON PROFIT ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

- \$15.00 Single
- \$25.00 Family
- \$50.00 Business
- \$100.00 Patron
- \$500.00 Life

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DECEMBER 15, 2014 MONDAY

ANNUAL MEETING @ GOLDEN CORRAL
on Colonial Blvd west of Six Mile Cypress

6:30 PM dinner

7 PM Annual Meeting"

Vote for Director/Officer for Vice President term

We're on the web: www.spay-lee.com

Thanks Helen

We're on Facebook

SPAY-LEE,inc Animal Welfare

Thanks Lisa & Anna

...and Instagram...(I think)

Thanks Mafeand Lisa

CURRENT OFFSITE ADOPTIONS:

PetSmart Six Mile Cypress 1st & 3rd weekends

PetSupermarket 1338 delPrado So. Cape Coral

2nd weekend and 4th Saturday

Pres. message....
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Fourth,

Our Quarter Auction events are such fun- thanks to Karyn Brooks and the fabulous vendors who participate and make the evening a good time, plus producing a donation of \$300-\$400 for SPAY LEE's furry residents. They are usually on the 4th Thursday of the month- start @ 6 and run till about 8:30 PM. However November's auction will be on Tuesday **Nov. 25** and December's on Tuesday the **16th**. (-Day after the annual meeting....)

There are some really super stocking stuffers for those Christmas stockings.....and food and drinks are available for purchase... mmmm....(Love the egg salad sandwiches... and last month- there was ICE CREAM!!!!!!)

PLUS - to welcome new attendees, Karyn will give each newcomer a ticket to participate in a drawing for a \$25 gift card for a Lee County restaurant... AND.... whoever invited the newcomer(s) is given a gift card drawing ticket, too.

AND, if attendees bring a SPAY LEE donation (can of Friskies cat food, roll of paper towels, bottle of Dawn detergent, bottle of bleach....) we guesstimate the approximate cost of the donation, and give the donor a drawing ticket for each \$.50 of value - for ANOTHER restaurant gift card....

Did we say this is "FUN"- it really is...we have a good time and lots of laughs!!!!

Fifth,

We're doing a Ft Myers Beach Resort raffle- GULFVIEW MANOR RESORT on Estero Blvd, Gulf frontfor 2 adults for 2 nights up to **Dec. 30, 2014** (NOTE- you will have **2 months to use this fantastic offer**)PLUS it will include 4 movie tickets to the Beach Movie Theater. **Drawing will be Nov. 1** and to try to broaden the exposure for people who'd be interested in purchasing raffle tickets.... we're going to try this....

Here's a facsimile of the tickets people neatly put their name and phone number on the left side- and return it to go into the drawing jar.

If you would like to participate- ticket prices are on the facsimile below- choose however many tickets you want, and send a check for the appropriate amount.

you will have to trust us to put the appropriate number of tickets into the drawing jar.... but, really, we ARE trustworthy.....

We might be able to put a return envelope in this newsletter- and we might not...but if there IS a return envelope- you're welcome to use it for your raffle ticket request....

GOOD LUCK everyone...

_____ NAME	S.P.A.Y. L.E.E. animal welfare GULFVIEW MANOR RESORT 6530 Estero Blvd, Ft Myers Beach offers 2 night stay for 2 adults -1 bedroom furnished apartment - expires 12/31/14 PLUS 4 tickets to Beach Movie Theater Drawing NOVEMBER 1, 2014
_____ ADDRESS	
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() _____	BENEFIT RAFFLE One ticket \$1.00 Seven tickets \$5.00 Twenty tickets \$10.00

YOUR DOG

The years go so very fast and before you know it that romping pup is old and grey muzzled and they have sat by our sides while we read, watch TV, and work on our computers. Every so often they come and lay their heads in our laps, toss our elbow with their muzzle or gaze into our eyes and wait for us to notice them.

Take a moment now to remember what they mean to you..

I am your dog, and I have a little something I'd like to whisper in your ear. I know that you humans lead busy lives. Some have to work, some have children to raise. It always seems like you are running here and running there, often much too fast, often never noticing the truly grand things in life.

Look down at me now, while you sit there at your computer. See the way my dark brown eyes look at yours? They are slightly cloudy now. That comes with age. The gray hairs are beginning to ring my soft muzzle.

You smile at me; I see love in your eyes. What do you see in mine? Do you see a spirit? A soul inside, who loves you as no other could in the world?

A spirit that would forgive all trespasses of prior wrong doing for just a simple moment of your time? That is all I ask. To slow down, if even for a few minutes, to be with me.

So many times you have been saddened by the words you read on that screen, of others of my kind, passing. Sometimes we die young and oh so quickly, sometimes so suddenly it wrenches your heart out of your throat. Sometimes, we age so slowly before your eyes that you may not even seem to know until the very end, when we look at you with grizzled muzzles and cataract clouded eyes. Still the love is always there, even when we must take that long sleep, to run free in a distant land.

I may not be here tomorrow; I may not be here next week. Someday you will shed the water from your eyes, that humans have when deep grief fills their souls, and you will be angry at yourself that you did not have just "one more day" with me. Because I love you so, your sorrow touches my spirit and grieves me.

We have NOW, together. So come, sit down here next to me on the floor, and look deep into my eyes. What do you see? If you look hard and deep enough we will talk, you and I, heart to heart. Come to me not as "alpha" or as "trainer" or even "Mom or Dad," come to me as a living soul and stroke my fur and let us look deep into one another's eyes and talk. I may tell you something about the fun of chasing a tennis ball, or I may tell you something profound about myself, or even life in general.

You decided to have me in your life because you wanted a soul to share such things with. Someone very different from you, and here I am. I am a dog, but I am alive. I feel emotion, I feel physical senses, and I can revel in the differences of our spirits and souls.

I do not think of you as a "Dog on two feet" — I know what you are and who you are. You are human, in all your quirkiness, and I love you still.

Now, come sit with me, on the floor. Enter my world, and let time slow down if only for 15 minutes. Look deep into my eyes, and whisper into my ears. Speak with your heart, with your joy, and I will know your true self. We may not have tomorrow, but we do have today, and life is oh so very short.

So please—come sit with me now and let us share these precious moments we have together.

Love, on behalf of canines everywhere.

Your Dog Author Unknown

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES ANIMAL CRUELTY FOR WHAT IT IS!!!!!!

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Young people who torture and kill animals are prone to violence against people later in life if it goes unchecked, studies have shown. A new federal category for animal cruelty crimes will help root out those pet abusers before their behavior worsens and give a boost to prosecutions, an animal welfare group says.

For years, the FBI has filed animal abuse under the label "other" along with a variety of lesser crimes, making cruelty hard to find, hard to count and hard to track. The bureau announced this month that it would make animal cruelty a Group A felony with its own category - the same way crimes like homicide, arson and assault are listed.

"It will help get better sentences, sway juries and make for better plea bargains," said Madeline Bernstein, president and CEO of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles and a former New York prosecutor.

The category also will help identify young offenders, and a defendant might realize "if he gets help now, he won't turn into Jeffrey Dahmer," she said.

Law enforcement agencies will have to report incidents and arrests in four areas: simple or gross neglect; intentional abuse and torture; organized abuse, including dogfighting and cockfighting; and animal sexual abuse, the FBI said in statement. The bureau didn't answer questions beyond a short statement.

"The immediate benefit is it will be in front of law enforcement every month when they have to do their crime reports," said John Thompson, interim executive director of the National Sheriffs' Association who worked to get the new animal cruelty category instituted. "That's something we have never seen."

Officers will start to see the data are facts and "not just somebody saying the 'Son of Sam' killed animals before he went to human victims and 70-some percent of the school shooters abused animals prior to doing their acts before people," said Thompson, a retired assistant sheriff from Prince George's County, Maryland.

It will take time and money to update FBI and law enforcement databases nationwide, revise manuals and send out guidelines, Thompson said, so there won't be any data collected until January 2016. After that, it will take several months before there are numbers to analyze.

The new animal cruelty statistics will allow police and counselors to work with children who show early signs of trouble, so a preschooler hurting animals today isn't going to be hurting a person two years from now, Bernstein said.

The FBI's category will track crimes nationwide and is bound to give animal cruelty laws in all 50 states more clout. Many states are seeing more of those convicted of animal cruelty being sentenced to prison, in marked contrast to years past.

Whether talking about state laws or the FBI change, it is clear "that regardless of whether people care about how animals are treated, people - like legislators and judges - care about humans, and they can't deny the data," said Natasha Dolezal, director of the animal law program in the Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon.

The oldest recorded age of a cat is 34 years. The oldest recorded age of a dog is 29 years.

Common signs of aging you might notice in your dog include:

Tiring more quickly

Development of vision or hearing problems

Graying hair

Behavioral changes like mental confusion, separation anxiety, excessive vocalization, or elimination accidents in the house

The five most common symptoms of a dog's aging brain, known as Canine Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome (CDS), are:

Increased total amount of sleep during a 24-hour period

Decreased attention to surroundings, disinterest, apathy

Decreased purposeful activity

Loss of formerly acquired knowledge, which includes housebreaking

Intermittent anxiety expressed through apprehension, panting, moaning, shivering



6 Special Considerations for Older Pets

Caring for a senior pet can require more attention and changes to your regular routine. Fortunately, these changes don't happen overnight; you can adjust to them gradually, as can your pet.

1. Increased Veterinary Visits

Older pets should see their veterinarian twice a year, and may require dental care or additional blood work. Age-related health issues to be on the watch for are very similar to those that occur in humans:

Cancer, Heart disease, Kidney or urinary tract disease, Liver disease

Diabetes, Joint or bone disease, Senility, Weakness

2. Differing Dietary Needs

You may need to tweak your pet's diet as he gets older. However, your dog's body condition and any underlying disease are more important considerations than his age. In many cases, however, dogs actually need more protein as they age in order to maintain healthy lean muscle mass and good organ and immune function.

The type of protein most dogs thrive on, regardless of age, is whole, unprocessed, and preferably raw. Foods that have not been dehydrated or processed are the most assimilable for your pet's body. These foods are biologically appropriate at all stages of life.

Please be careful in choosing a commercial "senior" dog food formula, as many are not good choices for aging pets (or any pets, for that matter).

Dogs with age-related incontinence can be fitted with dog bloomers or panties with absorbent pads

You can even use human disposable diapers and cut a hole for the tail. Keep in mind urine is caustic and should not remain on your pet's skin for long periods, so if you use diapers, be sure to change them frequently or remove them during times when your pet isn't apt to be incontinent.

If your pet is incontinent primarily during sleep, there are pet incontinence beds that work by pulling moisture away from the animal and down into a tray.

There are many natural treatments and supplements that can help older pets feel comfortable and stay mobile. Some of these include chiropractic adjustments, stretching, water exercises, acupuncture, and massage.

Reasons Why Senior Pets Are Awesome

I've focused a lot on the extra care that senior pets often require, but let's not overlook their many benefits. Older pets are usually already housetrained and obedience trained. They're far less likely to be destructive around your home (your shoes won't be chewed up, for instance), and because they don't require as much activity as a puppy, they're wonderful for cuddling up on the couch.

Older pets also tend to be much calmer than younger dogs, and if you're thinking of adopting an older dog or cat, his personality and size will already be apparent. Somehow, older pets seem to know you gave them a home when no one else would. Many new owners form a close bond very quickly with their senior dog or cat, because the pet shows them a level of attention and devotion that is unique to older adopted animals. If you don't believe me, just try it for yourself.

MEMORIALS

Margo Stewart Schlotterbeck ...Shirley Stewart's daughter... so sad for all of her family
by Shirley, Lorraine Mills, Judie & A.J.

"Tigger cat" - who adopted us... despite our trying not to let him
by Lorraine Mills

"Fluffy" & "Treasure" - forever remembered
by Grace Golling

THANK YOU to.....

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The Kitty Fund donation which makes it possible for us to step up to save a life*