



Looking Forward

Welcome to 2018! I am so excited to see what this year brings. We have lots of new volunteers signed up and eager to join our team for the new year, so if you see a new face around please say hello and welcome them!



Happy Birthday!

Chris Davignon
Melissa Besaw
Jolina Escue
Lu Anne Regan
Ambi O'Brien
Ashley Tourscher
Danielle Schroeder
Nancy Boyd
Zoe Akins
Celeste Snodgrass
Melissa Laskowsky
Liz Spragg
Ellen Patton
Alex Lawrence
Steph Jones
Lisa Nicholson
Ethan Morgan
Marissa Spencer
Justin Wells
Kelly Petrik
Rachel McDonald

Volunteer of the Month

Our volunteer of the month is the Watson family. Pictured from left to right are Dan, Noah, Tanya and Makenzie, with their dogs Peanut, Molly, Teddy and Jack.

The Watsons began volunteering just a couple of months ago and have since come in frequently to help out with laundry, walks and events. The family also walked dogs at the shelter on Christmas Day. We are so grateful to have such a wonderful group of individuals volunteering with us.

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One of my favorite things to come out of the month of December was our Home for the Holidays program. If you follow us on Facebook you likely saw all of the awesome stories about our beloved dogs and cats who got to participate. As of last week, we had 15 dogs and 23 cats that got to spend the holidays surrounded by extra special love. Thank you to the staff at the adoption center for orchestrating such a wonderful program, and thank you to all of the volunteers who helped them promote it!

Events

Holiday Weekend Walks

Monday 1/1 3:00pm—5:00pm

The shelter will be closed to the public on New Year's Day. Staff will be here until 3:00pm, Volunteers will do "weekend walks".

PetCo

Saturday 1/6 11:00am—2:00pm

Volunteers will take adoptable dogs from the shelter to the PetCo in Titusville to showcase them.

Friday Night Live

Friday 1/12 6:00pm—9:00pm

Monthly street party in downtown Titusville. Volunteers will assist at the info table showcase adoptable dogs .

PetSmart

Saturday 1/13 10:00am-1:00pm

Adoption event at the PetSmart in Viera. Volunteers will showcase adoptable dogs.

Meowga

Saturday 1/13 1:30pm—3:30pm

Yoga class at the Inverted Elephant studio in Titusville, volunteers will showcase adoptable cats.

FIT Market Day

Wednesday 1/17 10:00am—3:00pm

Farmer's Market at the Florida Institute of Technology campus in Melbourne. Volunteers will assist at the info table and showcase adoptable dogs.

Pints and Pups

Thursday 1/25 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Monthly event at the Irish Pub and Eatery in Titusville. Bingo or Trivia is hosted by SPCA staff. 10% of sales go to the SPCA. Public can bring their own (on leash, friendly) pets. Volunteers will showcase adoptable dogs.

Waggin Wheels

Saturday 1/20 2:00pm—6:00pm

Car show and adoption event at the Chrysler Jeep Dodge in Titusville. Volunteers will assist at the info table and showcase adoptable dogs.

Kenya

"Kenya is a senior female with special dietary needs. She is so sweet. Every time I go to her cage she loves on me and she loves on everyone that opens her cage. I give her treats and catnip. She rubs on me, and talks to me, and just has so much love to give!"

- Susan Ketcham



New Years Resolution

As you make resolutions or just imagine the new year ahead of you, remember that volunteering can be good for both your physical and mental health. Studies have shown that volunteering can decrease depression, chronic pain, stress, and social isolation and increase physical fitness, social connection, longevity, and mental function. If you'd like suggestions for ways to get more out of your volunteering experience with us, such as finding a more active, relaxing or social role, I am always happy to talk and offer suggestions!

Quote of the Month

"If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever."

— Kofi Annan