

# THE GRATEFUL PAW

Grateful Paws Dog & Cat Rescue, Inc.

A No-Kill, Not for Profit, all Volunteer, 501c3 Rescue Organization

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## FROM THE BEGINNING...

It took almost 2 years to get the first issue of "The Grateful Paw" out. And it has taken almost as long for this 2nd issue. Working a full time job, there are just never enough hours in the days, weeks or months to finish it, so it has been in the hopper all this while.

Grateful Paws has done some truly wonderful rescues over the past 5 years... and only those directly involved with each one, know about them. So it is time for us to let you know what we've been up to. Believe me when I say... we have been rockin'. We have partnered with PetSmart as a new venue to showcase our pets, held our first (and hopefully the first of many!) bowling fundraiser, and are pounding the pavement looking for new ways to raise awareness (and funds!) of our rescue group within the community. This small, but mighty rescue group has done some amazing things; saved numerous lives, many relationships and brought lots of happiness and joy to many people. Because we are a no-kill organization, what we do, and how we do it, it is a given that our Vet bills are going to exceed what we take in adoption fees and donations. And right now, financially, we are at a point where

we can no longer accept animals to rescue. Plain and simple, we need your support.

There are many wonderful animal rescue organizations who welcome donations, but unlike some of the others --- we are NO-KILL, we are all volunteer (no salaries paid) and we are helping animals right here in our own backyard; Broward, Dade and Palm Beach Counties. Your donations go towards the care of the animals and donations to us are a tax deduction too. Monies donated to us, stays here. Our ability to help the next one, depends on us saving and finding a forever home for THIS one.

## ERRORS, OMISSIONS AND APOLOGIES

Apologies are in order for the last issue: didn't catch my errors and omissions until after it came from the printer. Mike is not Mike Barnett - he is Mike Zier of Sonken Trust - we failed to list Marlene Anderson and Steve Wright, who have been very generous contributors. I also failed to mention the women who made up the feline part of this group --- Tia Williams and Jody Shultz. Although since our last newsletter, the feline faction has branched off and doing their own thing now - Midtown Cats - Smitten With Kittens at PetSmart in Miami.

## IN MEMORY & HONOR OF:

God Bless Rhoda, to Marty & Berma Finkle, from Jim and Diana Macken of Hollywood, FL  
Robert Burtt, beloved father of our friend Barbara and lifelong friend and husband to Margaret.  
Guy VonWiegand, long-time friend and devoted animal lover.

Mike Titerinko - a grand fellow who produced a wonderful daughter...

Fist & Diamond, beloved pets of Tom & Karen Galles

Jake, beloved canine companion of Shanon and Scott --

Chloe, beloved baby girl of Jen Mazurowski... a wonderful life, but way too short.

Pete, beloved foster dog of John & Helen Arsenault of Deerfield Beach

Molly, beloved 15 year old dog of Debbie Cross

Shadow, another beloved pet of Debbie Cross

Nyla, beloved pet of Denise Shuster

Traci, beautiful German Shepherd gal of Robin & Dan Rhea.

Betty Hays, a wonderful lady and a kind soul.

Ginny (Jean) Hutchinson, a lovely lady who shall be missed.

Ruddy - the last of the Babcock shelter dogs - had a great life. Thanks Charmaine.

LET'S TALK ABOUT TOADS...

BUFO TOADS

Rainy season is HERE - BUFO TOADS are back in full force. They were imported from South America (not sure why or how...). These critters have no known predators except man. They feed on dog feces, road kill, and garbage and absolutely everything they can gain access to. They grow to humongous proportions and if licked, can kill your dog or cat. They camouflage themselves to look like what they are sitting next to; a dish of cat food, a pile of feces. They are not to be confused with tree frogs with suction cups on their feet.



You may be a whiz at poop control in your own yard, but if your neighbor doesn't clean up after her pets, the toads will be in your yard because of the "food source" in theirs. Feel free to copy this article and stick it in your neighbor's mailbox. Many dogs will go to great lengths to uncover a Bufo or hunt one down. And when they do – they will ultimately touch the toad with their mouth and be exposed to a near fatal secretion. The dog will start foaming at the mouth and depending on how much of this secretion they have ingested, could die. Untreated, your pet could have seizures and die.

IMMEDIATELY grab a hose, and gently rinse the mouth ensuring that the water flows OUT and not down the throat. Use your finger and a cloth to additionally wipe the tongue, gums and teeth to remove any of the secretion. Rinse well. The dog no doubt will get a little peeved – but better mad than dead. This is serious and your dog can die from the secretion, especially the smaller ones who are more susceptible because of their size.

After all is said and done, it is not uncommon for a dog to salivate heavily. Watch the dog carefully and if in doubt, take the dog to your vet! Know that Hollywood Animal Hospital, on the SE corner of Hollywood Boulevard and I-95 is a 24-hour Trauma Center.

Do whatever you have to do to remove them from your yard. You might think about keeping a squirt bottle with ammonia handy or a butterfly net to capture and relocate them. It works.

### NATURAL 1<sup>ST</sup> AID FOR AN INSECT BITE

If you're at an outing and you get an insect bite or sting, apply mustard to the area to help relieve the pain, itch and redness. You can also use ice cubes or

a paste made from table salt and water to bring down the swelling.



Editor's note: Ammonia, or a paste made from meat tenderizer & water also works.

### ALL NATURAL DOGGIE FLEA COLLAR

Many dogs have experienced side effects from a commercial flea collar's overly powerful ingredients. Instead, try this simple and safe herbal flea collar...

Soak a piece of heavy and smooth twine—long enough so it fits securely around your pet's neck—in pennyroyal oil (available at health-food stores) for 24 hours. Then hang it up in the bathtub until it stops dripping. When it's dry, tie the twine around your pet's collar to repel fleas. Fleas hate pennyroyal! PS: Pennyroyal HATES cats. This is NOT for use on cats. Caution: Do not use pennyroyal if you, your pet or anyone in your household is pregnant.

### OVERWEIGHT PETS: NO EXCUSES...

Those who know me know how I feel about overweight dogs. I am fat but my dogs are thin. Excess weight is a killer. It strains the heart, knees, back and shortens the lifespan. So when their owner tells you how much they love their dog (or cat) ask them then, "so why are you trying to send it to an early grave?"



Why on earth would you believe what the bag says? They pay big bucks to make those bags of food look healthy and appetizing. Of course they want you to feed 6 cups a day- they want to sell more food! Lite food? Forget about it. Whether canine, feline or human... to lose that excess weight, the intake must be reduced and the activity level must be increased. Period.

### BLOAT - DOG OWNERS TAKE NOTE

Years have passed -- and I am still not over the shock or the good fortune. At the end of a small

dinner party, my Joe-Dog, then an 11 year old Rottie-Shepherd mix, had a swollen belly and was moaning horribly. We were at Hollywood Animal Hospital in less than 10 minutes. Doctors Kuhn and Schroeder both agreed that Joe was alive because I recognized the signs of "BLOAT" and acted quickly. And because it was caught almost immediately, there was no liver or heart damage from lack of blood or oxygen.

Stomach bloat occurs as a rapid accumulation of gas. Eating fast and drinking lots of water, exercising on a full stomach, or being fed large amounts of food at one meal like one big feeding a day, can be contributing factors.

The distended stomach rotates around its ligaments trapping gas and choking off the blood supply. The dog has difficulty breathing which compresses the large veins in the abdomen that prevents blood from returning to the heart. The loss of breath and blood flow results in collapse and eventual death unless treatment is prompt. Major surgery is required. The surgery deflates the stomach and tacks it to the abdominal wall to prevent bloat from reoccurring and a vet bill of \$2,500 is not uncommon. Sad thing is that many dogs survive the gastric surgery and more often than not, die from complications to the heart and live.

**SIGNS TO WATCH FOR:** Drum tight distended abdomen, loss of appetite, retching, severe abdominal pain, distress and collapse.

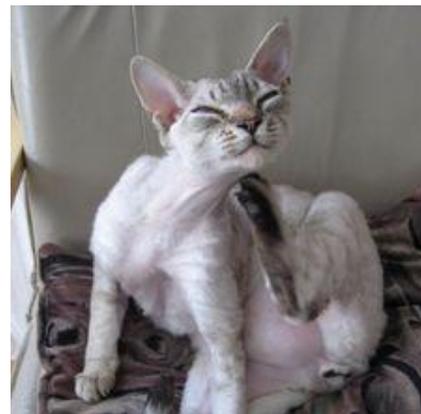
I will not attempt to preach to you and our dog, BUT if you have a big or small dog with a barrel chest, PLEASE consult your vet about bloat and what you can do to prevent it. And just so you know – NO dog is immune from this, so all dog owners should be aware of the signs. Bloat or gastric dilation can kill your dog in less than 2 hours! Know that small dogs can also suffer from bloat: Doxies, beagles... so no matter what size dog you have: German Shepherd, Collie, Great Dane, Doberman, St. Bernard, Irish Setter or Rottie, PLEASE familiarize yourselves with the signs and the ways to avoid it.

### **HEALTH ALERT TO CAT OWNERS ~~**

There are many new products on the market to control ticks and fleas. And contrary to popular belief, even though cats are constantly preening, they can still get ticks! Cat owners need to be aware that some of the new ones marketed for dogs like Advantix and Kiltix are LETHAL TO CATS.

These products contain pyrethrums and a cat that

shares a home with a dog that has had Advantix or Kiltix applied to his body could get very ill and possibly die if exposed to the chemical. I am not a doctor so the stuff on the spec sheets is hard for me to decipher. But I see words like central nervous system, muscle spasms, seizures and tremors. The best way to avoid serious problems is to follow the directions on the label. And a safe bet is that products labeled "for use on dogs only" should never be used in the presence of cats. When in doubt, speak to your vet.



### **TNR – TRAP, NEUTER, RELEASE**

**(it's a good thing)**

There are cat people and there are dog people... and there are people who rescue both. The TNR people are a special breed. In their spare time, they feed colonies of cats (feral and friendly) always at their own expense. They trap them, take them to the vet to be spay/neutered, blood tested and ear notched – and then they are released back to the wild. In time, they will die off – either through attrition, wild dogs, tomcats, or cars but, during this time, they will (thankfully) not be reproducing.

To my knowledge, there are NO known agencies that fund the folks who feed and do TNR. If you would like to help this effort, please make your check or Paypal payment and earmark your donations to TNR. We will see that the monies go toward that program to feed and spay/neuter these cats and their off-spring. We get calls all the time to assist in the costs of spaying and neutering – and it is killing us because we do not benefit an adoption fee from these. But YOU CAN—donations written Grateful Paws can be declared as a charitable deduction – It is a win-win for you and for them. If you would like us to keep up the good work, dig out that checkbook! Earmark your check for TNR.

**WHAT WE DO~~~WHAT WE'VE DONE~~~WHAT WE'RE DOING...**

**M**ore than once, we have heard we are the only rescue group that answers a phone, returns a call quickly, and offers assistance when no one else will and rather than passing the buck, we actually offer possible suggestions when we are not in a position to help. But more than that, we help when no-one else will... We have never thrown a dog or cat under the bus because of an anticipated vet bill. We also try to save relationships and lives. And just so you know—no matter how much a vet bill is, our adoption fee has NEVER exceeded \$300.

If you are on our email distribution list or checked our website lately, you may have noticed the frequency of our fundraising events. In a very short period of time, our vet bill skyrocketed out of control, and ever since, we have been diligently working to chip away at our debt.

The vet bill is our major expense as the manpower to care for and locate homes is done by volunteers. As you may know, BY CHOICE, we do not have a shelter or kennel. And considering the large number of animals we rescued and placed just last year, (350 or so), our existing vet bill isn't totally out of line. Believe it or not, we are sensible in our decision making. But, we are a no-kill organization and with that handle, we are subject to more than just basic care.

I have no problem putting a dog or cat humanely to sleep if it is injured or cannot live a quality life, but it is difficult for anyone, especially me, to make the decision to put an animal to sleep that can be fixed. Believe me, we turn many away because we, more than anyone realize that we cannot save them all.

Since our inception, we have done some great "rescues" and saved so many from the needle – who are now living wonderful lives and bringing joy to many. Much of our vet bill is general care: immunizations, flea/tick baths, spay/neuters, micro-chipping and meds ...and our adoption fees pretty much cover the day-to-day cases. We do receive discounted vet care through our Vets at Hollywood Animal Hospital but it is the long-term, emergency and critical cases that run our bill up and it always seems to happen on a Sunday, holiday or after hours!

The stories are never ending...

**YOU MAY REMEMBER WINNIE:** Couple years ago, it was on the nightly news and in the papers --- A story about Winnie, the puppy that had

been beaten and stuffed down a storm drain in Miami. Tia Williams was the "Dog Lady of the neighborhood" the kids ran to when they saw the dog dumped. She spent 2 days trying to get someone – anyone to help her, and Grateful Paws was the only rescue group who would. Winnie's leg was so badly smashed that amputation was the only choice. We held a fundraising event at Central Bark Doggy Day Care to raise the money for the surgery and because she was so young, pulled through the surgery with flying colors. She ultimately ended up being the foster pup against animal abuse. She and her team of rescuers actually went to several schools and told her story to other children. Recently, the kids received recognition from Humane Educators Reaching Out "*Animal Hero Program*" and their story was used to launch the program nationally.

Winnie's story was covered locally by Channels 4, 7 & 10 and the Miami Herald. Happily, Winnie was adopted almost immediately, and is living in the Storfer home with another rescued dog. Oh, and to this day, I don't think she realizes she only has 3 legs!

**MILLIE:** We rescued three wheaten pups from a crack house in Pompano. Two were adopted but MILLIE, the runt, was diagnosed with a heart condition that required open heart surgery. Thankfully for us, her surgery was a textbook case at Hollywood Animal Hospital. Millie survived and thrived and was adopted by Sherry Harris-McDonald in Hollywood, FL.

**EMMA:** We accepted Emma, a wee Shih Tzu puppy as owner surrender, only to discover that she had been exposed to parvo. Her extensive hospital stay and treatment resulted in a vet bill of almost \$2,000. She was adopted by Jackie Mazurowski and now resides quite happily in Ossining, Long Island. Aka: The Queen of Ossining.

**BAILEY:** Bailey the cocker was raised from puppyhood by a loving and caring owner; inseparable best buddies. Twelve years later, his owner was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and went into a nursing home and sadly, arrangements were not made for Bailey. Because of his wonderful temperament, Bailey was quickly adopted and placed in a loving home with two younger cockers, but his new mom lost her job, her house and husband, so per our adoption contract, Bailey came back into our care. He is in excellent health with what we call selective hearing (can ONLY hear the squeak of a cupboard door). In the meantime, we



have given him a dental, removed a couple fatty tumors from his neck and belly, and have treated him for those notorious Cocker ears. Because of his age, he remained in our care for about a year --- food, HeartGard, Frontline every month... plus all the vet visits he required. Many dollars later,

we are delighted to report that Bailey has been adopted by the Peter and Shirley Mercurio family in Margate. They are delighted at their new addition and we are delighted that Bailey, a great little fella, has found his new forever home.

**SPENCER - THEN & NOW** The fella was found



horribly matted, blinded, ill, and wandering into traffic. He is a medium sized shaggy dog – one eye was horribly infected and swollen shut --- the other eye sunken in, technically blind. He had a growth on each side of his mouth, one was dangling and the other had already burst

and was badly infected. Each ear had an infection so bad, they were oozing. And, he had not been neutered! His coat was so badly matted it was pulling on his skin and sores had developed. I guess if you were to look at the overall picture, this was a dog that should be humanely put to sleep, in fact, the intern who first saw him, recommended that to me. But... individually -- each malady was treatable. Thank goodness Dr. Grasso felt the same way we did. He was shaved to the skin – and the necessary surgeries were performed – and with all the stitches, came home looking like Frankenstein! As his coat grew back we determined that he is a soft-coated Wheaten Terrier and one of the best dogs we have ever had in our care. In July 2010, his foster mom Tove' decided that she didn't want to part with him,

so she adopted him. His vet bill



was almost \$1,500. He is happy and healthy, about 3 years old and one of the best dogs we have ever saved.

**SCOOTER – THEN & NOW --** Scooter is a 4 lb. Chihuahua who was dumped in one of the nicer neighborhoods in Fort Lauderdale. She was picked up by Tamara and Mimi, who just couldn't leave her on the streets. In addition to her being flea-ridden and malnourished, she had an injury to her mouth that left her mouth in a perpetual sneer; part of her top lip was gone and her front teeth were exposed. At first we thought it was a cleft-palate, but now we are pretty sure it was trauma, most likely, the result of her biting into an electrical cord. The teeth were black, loose and deadened. Between the pain and the raging infection that had spread into her jawbone, this was one very sick little lady who could not eat. After about ten months of TLC with Dr. Zapata from Hollywood Animal Hospital, she has finally been released from care. Dr. Z. treated the infection, removed her deadened teeth and with good food, some antibiotics and lots of TLC, blossomed overnight. She has since been adopted, has been renamed Lulu and is living a great life with Gary and Dee Hellkamp. BTW: Lulu is queen of her roost and daddy's little girl.



**LEESHA GRACE** is a one-year old, wire haired JRT mix with a shattered leg. She was stuffed into the night box at the Wildlife Care Center. Amputation was in order, until we got her into a foster home where she started playing with her foster brother. Once she started using that leg, she started building muscle tissue, so

amputation was no longer a consideration! Sure, she will always have a limp, but she still has all four! Between her vetting, the kennel cough, the UTI and x-rays, her Vet bill was in excess of \$900 Delighted to report that she was just adopted by Barbara and Skip Hawkes.

**OSCAR**, a sweet 10 year old lab mix was thin but healthy when he was rescued. Eight months into foster care, he was diagnosed with diabetes. We didn't catch it at first – so it was difficult to get and keep him balanced. For more than a year, he remained in our care: food, HeartGard, Frontline, insulin, needles, visits to the vet when he was off kilter. Thankfully, he was adopted by his foster dad Tom. He is almost totally blind now – but is happy

as a clam, and gets insulin twice a day. Vet bill: \$2,000+.

And with all the good comes a little bad: We rescued a handsome 2-year-old Boxer, who was picked up as a stray. He was fully vetted, neutered, chipped, vaccinated and placed in a foster home. On a walk while in foster care, he unexpectedly attacked and severely injured a smaller dog while out walking. Grateful Paws paid the emergency Vet bill for the family whose dog ultimately died. \$1,500.

## SO NOW...

### **WE NEED A LITTLE HELP**

We can “rescue” til the cows come home. Without a shelter or deep pockets, our biggest problems are coming up with foster homes and the funds to pay the vet bills.

Fostering an animal in your home does two things: It socializes the animal and teaches him a few manners. And it gives us a history, an insight to his personality and habits. It’s a sense of who and what the animal is like. Additionally, it also saves us from paying a boarding fee. Sure, while our animal is with you, we pay for the food and heartworm prevention and such, but that is far less than what we would be paying to board them – and it is so much better for the animal, than a kennel. And it also helps us get the pet adopted sooner.

It breaks our heart to turn needy animals away because we don’t have the money to treat them or a place for them to stay.

Being No-Kill can run expenses up in the blink of an eye. We’ve had our share of dogs and cats requiring more than average care: diabetes, dog fight repairs, amputations, dentals, tumors removed --- and that extended care; x-rays, transfusions and tests, even with a break, that vet bill just sky-rockets. Our adoption fees and donations pretty much take care of the average vetting of an animal. The extra care ones are the ones that are hurting us financially.

If you have room in your home, please consider making room in your heart and give one of our dogs or cats a loving home until we can adopt them. Volunteer time counts toward community service hours and school hours. And then we would ask that you please make a donation to the cause.

If you prefer to mail a check, make it payable to Grateful Paws, and mail it to: 9264 NW 17 Street, Coral Springs, FL 33071. If you prefer to use a credit or debit card, visit our main webpage.

[www.gratefulpaws.org](http://www.gratefulpaws.org) . On the left hand side there is a link to PAYPAL. Please be sure to include your email address so we can acknowledge your generosity.

## MURPHY’S LAW

The worst ailments always happen to the dogs who are the best tempered.

## QUICK TOMATO RIPENING TRICK

To ripen tomatoes quickly, place them in a brown paper bag with a banana or a couple of apples. The ethylene gas emitted by the banana or apples will help the tomatoes ripen.

## WANT BUTTERFLIES IN YOUR YARD?

Did you know-- butterflies are especially drawn to red, scarlet, purple and blue blossoms?

If you want to extend a butterfly invitation, plant any or all of the following flowers and herbs; Cornflower, aster, dill, morning glory, verbena, mint, globe thistle, goldenrod, lilac, pansy, parsley, Shasta daisy, sweet marjoram, zinnia, sage and of course,,, a butterfly bush.

## TOPLESS

(Do I have your attention?)

We are hoping everyone is practicing the 3 R’s --- Re-use, Reduce and Recycle. We are to here to remind you NOT to put plastic bottle caps in the recycle bin! Only the bottles – **no caps.**  
**FIRE! FIRE!**

It is not uncommon to see a news clip on the television about someone who has been burned out. We see it all too frequently that a fire has raged through and destroyed all the personal effects and sometimes injured or killed family members and/or the household pets.

I am now speaking from experience... Couple years ago, my niece and her boyfriend woke up as their house in Victoria Park was consumed with flames and smoke. The window popped and the flames imploded into the living room to consume everything. They barely escaped through the kitchen and Oliver, a 15-year-old Welsh Corgi who didn’t make it out, was rescued by firefighters who wore an infrared mask to find him. He spent the night at Hollywood Animal Hospital in an oxygen tent and

went home the next day. He lived six wonderful weeks and I am sorry to report, later died from complications.

Even now, there are people worthy of recognition: the next door neighbors who called the Fire Department when they didn't see flames – but smelled smoke; the Fort Lauderdale Firefighters who came to their rescue and saved Oliver's life; and the American Red Cross who stepped in to provide a place for my niece to stay in a dog-friendly motel. They issued vouchers to the local Target Store so they could purchase clothes to go to work in, and made an attempt to get their lives back in order. The Red Cross was awesome.

There is a message here. #1 – Support the firefighters in the neighborhood where you live. Bake them a cake or drop off a homemade casserole or meal at the fire station nearest you. And if you can make a donation to the American Red Cross – do it. They provide a wonderful service to people in need. This is the first time (aside from Hurricane Andrew) that I've ever seen them in action and even then, it was not first hand cause the storm didn't really hit this far north. But they absolutely do wonderful things. So if you want to support something (aside from a no-kill rescue group like us) - please consider the Red Cross!

#2 They lost literally everything. Hindsight is 20-20. They did not have renter's insurance, which would cost less than the replacement cost of three pairs of shoes and one set of sheets. Imagine trying to recreate your entire household... clothes, dishes, pot and pans, silverware, towels, unmentionables and bedding. Whew. Think about it and do something about it t-o-d-a-y!

#### **HERE'S A THOUGHT**

"Folks will know how large your soul is, by the way you treat a dog" - Charles F. Doran

#### **A WEBSITE WORTH VIEWING:**

A rude awakening about the food we feed our pets. Bookmark it and visit it often.

[www.dogfoodadvisor.com](http://www.dogfoodadvisor.com)

## **IS YOUR PET MICRO-CHIPPED?**

Is it registered? Are you sure it is registered to YOU? Are you sure the micro-chip company has the most recent contact information for you?

Hurricane season is here.

Take a moment, pick up the phone and confirm that your pet is registered to YOU:

24 Petwatch: 1-866-597-2424  
AVID – 1-800-336-AVID  
Home Again – 1-866-466-3242  
PetLink/ResQ 1- 800-633-3796

And if you are not sure, we have a scanner and we can check your pet for you.

## **CONDOLENCES**

As we went to press, we learned of one of our Grateful Paws success stories who had passed. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Audrey, who lovingly adopted Rosie the Waste Management yard dog.

## **CONGRATULATIONS UWE~~!**

Congratulations are in order for one of our adoptive fathers, friend and supporter:

Uwe Schroeder of WolfCuff

Congratulations on receiving your much-sought after and well deserved green card!



## **SPECIAL THANKS**

Thanks to Schiller of Tequila Sunrise who allowed Grateful Paws to take over his charming Tequila Sunrise

Restaurant a couple weeks ago. Schiller generously donated 20% of all the drink and food proceeds to Grateful Paws.

Tequila Sunrise, with great margaritas and home cooked food is conveniently located at 4711 N. Dixie Highway, Oakland Park, FL 33334 954-938-4473. On Dixie Hwy. (One block south of Commercial Blvd. west side of street.)  
\*\*Tequila Sunrise also has pet friendly seating available.

## **OUR NEWSLETTER:**

To be added to our E-newsletter, or to add a friend to our Enews distribution, please send an email to: [info@gratefulpaws.org](mailto:info@gratefulpaws.org) In the subject line, put: THE GRATEFUL PAW. And if you ever desire to be removed from the list, repeat that process and indicate REMOVE ME PLEASE.

## **DEDICATE SOMEONE**

We hope to have a section in our upcoming newsletters that are a remembrance of someone who made our lives memorable. Lately we've been getting requests to put in notices to recognize those who are still with us! So to honor both requests, we now have BOTH!

## **OUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **GRATEFUL PAWS DOG & CAT RESCUE, INC.**

9264 NW 17 Street - Coral Springs, FL 33071  
954-462-8840 after 8pm ~ Fax: 1-866-600-5945

**Email is the best** way to contact us, as email is monitored throughout the day, where phones are not.

Email: [info@gratefulpaws.org](mailto:info@gratefulpaws.org)

Website: [www.gratefulpaws.org](http://www.gratefulpaws.org)

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## **HOW TO DONATE:**

Grateful Paws Rescue is not funded by grants or Federal or local monies. We exist entirely on donations from people like you.

Donations may be made by cash, check or by the secure Paypal link on the main page of our website. Checks should be payable to:

Grateful Paws Dog & Cat Rescue or GPDCRI  
9264 NW 17 Street  
Coral Springs, FL 33071

954-462-8840

# BE A LOCAL SUPPORTER – SUPPORT A GOOD CAUSE

We are a No-Kill, Local, Not for Profit Rescue Organization comprised **only** of volunteers. Your contribution goes toward vet care, meds, food and shelter for the animals in our care and can be a tax deduction on your annual income taxes.

## MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

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I am pleased to enclose my tax-deductible gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be used in the care of the animals you rescue.

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I would like to make a charitable donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_:

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RECIPIENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentiment in your words: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like a notice sent: Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

OR-- mailed to: Name, street address, city, state zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by (Your name): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your valuable contribution. Your assistance will help us in the care of abandoned, sick and injured animals in Broward, Dade & Palm Beach counties.

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(,.. There is an Indian legend which says when a human dies there is a bridge they must cross to enter into heaven. At the head of that bridge waits every animal that human encountered during their lifetime. The animals, based upon what they know of this person, decide which humans may cross the bridge ... and which are turned away.

**OUR CONTRIBUTORS...** Thank you SO much for your support. We couldn't do what we do, without your support. If we have inadvertently forgotten anyone, we totally apologize. Bring it to our attention, and we will make it right in our next issue.

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| Bianca Cagigal          | Evelyn Canning          | June Parney            | Norma Robinson             | The City Bag          |
| Bobbi Arnold            | Farmers Ins. Employees  | June White             | Patricia Crumpler          | Theresa Esposito      |
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| Carol/John Doogan       | Grant Shuster           | Ken Easterling         | Petsmart Charities         | Valasia Demetroules   |
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| Cheryl Dyck             | Henry Leibman           | L.W. Steinbeisser      | Recycling Center           | W Drew Mulhollen      |
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