

THE affection CONNECTION



Winter 2021

Thena - The Little Pup That Could

In Greek mythology Thena means Goddess of Wisdom and she was known as a fierce warrior, afraid of nothing. This little girl certainly lives up to her name! Thena and her two littermates were born on October 6th to a loving mom. From the beginning, she had to fight to survive. Her littermates were not so lucky passing soon after birth, they just weren't strong enough. Sadly, Thena's mom accidentally got out of the house and was hit by a car and just like that this baby was an orphan.



Thena's heart shows thru her fur.

Thena's family wanted the best for her, and knew she needed help. She was only 1.8 lbs., dehydrated, full of fleas, and had possibly ruptured one of her eyes. They asked if we would take care of this sweet pup, nurse her back to health and find her a good home. Of course the answer was yes!

Thena went home with Alana, our fantastic Shelter Manager, who gave her around the clock care. Thena was eating like a champ and soon gained enough weight to assure she was going to survive. She was then moved to one of our experienced foster homes, where she thrived and grew stronger by the day.



Thena was so little, she needed to be kept warm.

As time went on, this little fighter showed her true personality. Nothing stops her from taking on that stuffed toy, or letting her foster mom know when it is meal time. She loves other dogs of all sizes, but her best friend is a 5 lb. Chihuahua. Time will tell if Thena's eye can be saved, but even with one eye she will conquer the world!



Thena is ready for Christmas.

It is because of you, animal lovers in the community, that innocent puppies like Thena will continue to be cared for until they are loved by their new families. Thank you for all you do for the animals.

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50 Years and Counting

This year the Humane Society of Manatee County (HSMC) celebrated our 50th Anniversary of saving lives four (4) paws at a time. The City of Bradenton Mayor, Gene Brown, presented a Proclamation at the June Council Meeting to our Executive Director, Rick Yocum, proclaiming June 2021 Humane Society of Manatee County 50th Anniversary Celebration Month. Our community involvement continues to expand and we are active members of Manatee Chamber of Commerce, Gulf Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Anna Marie Island Chamber of Commerce, Bradenton Kiwanis, Manatee Tiger Bay Club, Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance, Manatee Better Business Bureau and Manatee Economic Development Council.

The past year has been challenging to say the least, but HSMC has stayed focused on the needs of the community's animals. The Second Chance Adoption Center has remained open to the public and I am pleased to announce that adoption numbers continue to increase each month to pre-pandemic levels. The adoption center is open to the public Tuesday – Saturday 11am – 4pm, no appointments are needed.

The Humane Society of Manatee County Veterinary Clinic has also remained open to the public Monday – Saturday 8am – 5pm by appointment. Over the last year accomplishments include: 5834 spay / neuter surgeries, 4129 wellness exams, tested 2804 dogs for heartworm, completed 444 dental procedures and administered more than 1000 free vaccines for animals in at risk homes. The most recent expansion of clinic services has been the addition of Dermatology services starting in September of 2021.

Our new fiscal year started in October 2021 and I am truly looking forward to the coming year. Our Board of Director's has added five (5) new members in October and is busy planning for the future. Our staff and volunteers are committed to providing excellent service to our clients and passionate care for all animals in the community. The support of the community has been amazing and continues to grow. Thank you to all who support our mission based efforts.

Rick Yocum, Executive Director

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New Teen Volunteer Program at HSMC



Over the years the Humane Society of Manatee County's (HSMC) volunteer program has seen a peak in interest from students in middle and high school. HSMC's hours of operation make it challenging for students to volunteer. School and extracurricular activities limit the amount of time student volunteers can dedicate and make it difficult for some students to earn hours towards school related community service.

Our Teen Volunteer Program is designed to allow 6th-12th graders the opportunity to volunteer with or without a parent or guardian present, a chance to give back to their community, and earn 30 hours towards school related community service.

The teen program is divided in to two groups based on the student's current grade enrolled in. CPAW Volunteers (6th-9th graders) will learn about animal welfare and behavior, work on activities for the shelter and clinic, and spend time with some of our shelter animals. TPAW Volunteers (10th-12th grade) will plan and execute a fundraiser, help with shelter duties, and learn valuable skills for their future. Each program is split in to a Spring session (February-May) and Fall session (August-November).

Do you know teen who would be interested? Email our Volunteer Coordinator for more information at volunteer@humanesocietymanatee.org

Happy Reunion

We LOVE happy endings!! We had an amazing reunion between one of our dogs and his dad. We transferred "Jacob" from Sarasota County Animal Services after he was found as a "stray" in someone's yard.

Unfortunately, the shelter environment was incredibly stressful for him. He started chewing at his tail and injured himself enough to warrant a partial tail amputation. He was really struggling with meeting new people and being handled by so many different people.

His only option was to get out of the shelter but that's hard for a dog experiencing behavior problems, so he ended up in an experienced foster home where he could decompress. Unfortunately, even at his foster home, he struggled with stress and anxiety. He was more comfortable each day, but never fully settled. Luckily, his miracle was coming!

Just a few days later we received a phone call from Sarasota County that someone was looking for their dog and the photos matched Jacob. They connected us, and we asked his owner to describe him. He described Jacob (who is actually named Biggin!) to a T, down to the hernia on his belly. We sent photos to confirm, and all agreed it was a match.



Biggin was so happy to see his dad!

Biggin's dad had paid a dog sitter while he had to fly out of state for a family emergency. The dog sitter was the same person who called in Biggin as a stray dog. Biggin's dad had been looking for him the entire time!

However, Biggin's dad is disabled and had difficulty making it to our location from Sarasota to reclaim him. After talking to him on the phone, we knew they needed to be reunited as soon as possible. His dad couldn't wait, and Biggin desperately wanted to go home. Interestingly enough, one of Biggin's behavior concerns was his fearful behavior around men. There was no fear in his heart when he saw his daddy! We met at the PetSmart closest to his dad and Biggin RAN to his dad as fast as he could. He was definitely home!

Skittles Finds a Home



Skittles has a new family!

Skittles was a handsome 2-year-old cat who has had his share of misfortune. At 4 months old he was adopted and then returned 3 months later when his family moved. Two months later he found a new home but sadly his owner passed away a year later and he was returned once again. Because of all this turmoil Skittles was very shy and didn't show well, he always looked terrified and didn't like to be handled. We were worried about his well-being in the shelter, the health of a cat can be greatly affected by stress.

Skittles was getting more stressed by the day, but his day was coming! After reading about Skittles and his quirks, a couple came in specifically to see him. They understood his shyness and personality and were more than willing to make him comfortable in their home. They even adopted a kitten so Skittles would have another cat to relate to!

Life happens and many times the family pet becomes an unintended victim. For Skittles and others like him, we can hope that a forever family will erase all the bad memories and give them the life they deserve.

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UPCOMING *Events*



Paws in Motion 2022
is coming.

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and Facebook
for more information.



Our Wish List

- Canned & Dry Food
- Cat Litter - Non-clumping
- Cat Treats & Catnip
- Dog Treats
- Large Kong Toys
- Large Nylabones
- Bully Sticks
- Tough Dog Toys
- Bottles & Nipples for Baby Kittens & Puppies
- Creamy Peanut Butter
- 2-8 second thermometers
- Digital SLR Camera
- Copy Paper 8.5x11
- Postage Stamps
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Garbage Bags
- Gift Cards

Check out our Amazon Wish List too!

Our very favorite wish:
For every animal to have a loving home!