

A HOPE MEWSWORTHY

October 2022 Edition

WHAT ARE WE UP TO?

A New Leash On Love is coming up soon! On November 12th, head to Bagdad Mill State Park for a pet adoption bonanza. Bring your favorite fully vaccinated furry friends, too! Meet rescues and their rescuers, who want nothing more than to show off their adorable new family members. We've got food vendors, pet organization ambassadors, and artists. You'll even be able to meet many of the volunteers and leaders that make up A HOPE!

This event is the culmination of months of hard work, long hours, and late nights. With the help of sponsors, we are proud to offer such a celebration to our community.

In short, be there or be square!



Of course, that's not all we've been doing. We just broke ground on our affordable spay/neuter clinic. Now that construction has begun, we can start work on the next phase of achieving our ultimate dream.

Head to www.ahope4src.com/cliniccomingsoon to see how you can help!

In addition, we've still been working with fosters, volunteers, and more to save animals. Community outreach events like cat yoga were a huge success, and there are many more to come. However, we need your help to raise more funds and save more animals.



In September, we...

Accepted **36 cats** into our foster program.

Assisted **26 animals** with finding their forever families. Yay!

Transported **95 cats and 13 dogs** to get fixed and vaccinated, bringing our year-to-date total up to **999 animals!** So close!

Served **4 dogs and 31 cats** during our monthly pet food pantry. That included:

- 68 pounds of dry dog food
- 59 pounds of dry cat food
- 113 cans of wet cat food.
- 74 pounds of cat litter.
- Plus treats, pads, bowls, medicine, and more!

We'd like to give a huge THANK YOU to Phil Hall, PA! Through our donors' help and our partnership with Meals on Wheels, we've given food to local senior citizens' pets. We delivered 30 pounds of dry dog food, 56 pounds of dry cat food, and plenty of toys.

BY THE NUMBERS

As September ends, we wake up and remember all the wonderful things we've accomplished this month. Plenty of creatures have been saved, adopted, and readied for a lifetime of bringing joy to their families. Thank you sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who makes it all work.



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ADOPTION SPOTLIGHT

New month, new forever homes. We work hard to ensure that every animal has the chance to survive and thrive.



Linda Caron

September's Volunteer of the Month



Where we need people most right now:

- Drivers
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Data Input Assistants
- Event Coordinators
- Lawn Mowers

Bring your passion and skills to save lives with us!

www.ahope4src.com/volunteer



WHAT DO WE NEED?

- Cleaning Supplies
 - Toilet Paper
 - Dish Soap
- Kitten Food
 - Iams Kitten Wet Food (Purple Package)
 - Royal Canin Mother & Baby Cat Wet
 - Iams Dry Kitten
- Cat Litter
 - Tidy Cats Clumping
 - Tidy Cats Non-Clumping
- CatGuru Cat Bowls
- Migipaws Tunnel Cat Toys
- Cat Nip
- Rebound Recuperation Formula
- Soft Blankets
- Purina FortiFlora Cat Probiotic Powder Supplement
- Lime Sulfur Dip
- 8 Pack 100ml Large Plastic Syringes



Find these and other items we need on our wishlist at www.ahope4src.com/wishlist.

If you can donate any of these items, please drop them off, or have them sent to us at 5755 Washington Street, Milton FL 32570.

Because of your donations, we can save lives and keep families together.



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TAIL ME ABOUT IT!

Why are black cats considered unlucky?

Black cats have long been associated with witchcraft, magic, and misfortune. Depictions of these furry friends can be found in many front yards on Halloween, and their adoptions tend to go up this time of year.

First, note that black cats are not a bad omen. They are adorable, smart, and sweet like any other feline. The only unlucky thing about black cats is that they are adopted less often than other cats, as they don't show up in photos as easily. Dogs face the same issue.

Black cats are prone to superstitions. While most Westerners assume they're just plain unlucky, not everyone agrees! For example, Scottish and Welsh tales often placed black cats in a positive light. Some fishers and sailors preferred black cats as "ship cats," as they were seen as auspicious animals.

Some old tales did ascribe certain harmful supernatural spirits to black cats, such as the Scottish cat-sith or the Welsh Cath Palug. It is clear that there were many supernatural associations with black cats in either light. So much supernatural association likely led to their association with witches.

For much of history, witches didn't have a positive association. People may love them today, but back then they did all sorts of horrible things to alleged witches. They extended these attitudes to "their" cats and treated these adorable hunters with the same cruelty. This hateful tradition was brought to Colonial America by pilgrims. Today, this tradition perseveres through the false belief that black cats are unlucky.

This Halloween, pet a black cat. You won't regret it.



Do you have questions? We want to answer them!
Send any inquiries to ahopenews@gmail.com, and maybe we'll answer yours
in next month's Tail Me About It!