A HOPE MEWSWORTHY

November 2022 Edition

WHAT ARE WE UP TO?

These past few months have been among our busiest yet, but they paid off. A New Leash on Love was successful! Nine dogs went off with new families while we raised awareness for animal welfare in the area. Thanks to everyone who made it all possible, especially people who flew in to make an appearance. Whether you're a sponsor, volunteer, foster, or participant, we appreciate your efforts in keeping dogs, cats, and rats safe and fed.

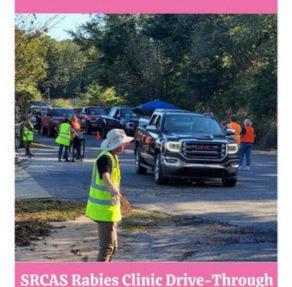
We'd like to point out some more A HOPE efforts that took place last month. In addition to A New Leash on Love, we also worked with the close SRCAS Rabies Clinic Drive-Through to vaccinate dozens of pets. Rabies is a terrifying, lethal, and transmissible disease that is, luckily, preventable. By making it easier to get vaccinated, we can save countless lives by slowing the spread.

Next month, we're helping with the SRCAS Microchip Drive-Through. If you or someone you know hasn't gotten their pets chipped, this is a great time to do it. It is safe, secure, and affordable. We could always use more help too, so go to our volunteer page!

At A HOPE, we have a lot to be thankful for: our wonderful fosters, industrious volunteers, generous sponsors, and the look on every animal's face when they realize they're going to their forever home. Granted, the last might be in our imaginations, but we still savor it every time.

Happy Thanksgiving!







In October, we...

Accepted 27 cats and 2 dogs into our foster program.

We transported 107 animals in October. 97 cats and 10 dogs

Transported **97 cats and 10 dogs** to get fixed and vaccinated, bringing our year-to-date total up to **1,106 animals**! We finally exceed over a thousand! Woo!

Served 14 dogs and 21 cats during our monthly pet food pantry. That included:

- · 106 pounds of dry dog food
- 41 cans of wet dog food
- · 74 pounds of dry cat food
- · 158 cans of wet cat food.
- · 30 pounds of cat litter.
- · Plus treats, pads, and more!

We'd like to give a huge THANK YOU to St. Mary's Episcopal Church! They provided 15 pounds of dry dog food, 11 cans of wet food, 107 pounds of dry cat food, and 66 cans of wet cat food. They also donated 10 pounds of litter plus garbage bags, puppy pads, and treats. Through our donors' help and our partnership with Meals on Wheels, we've given food to local senior citizens' pets.

BY THE NUMBERS

We're proud of what we've done in October. It took a lot of work, thought, and time. Every ounce of it paid off and we're happy to do it again next month. One only has to look at our numbers to see all the progress we've made.



Thank you to our October sponsor, St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Milton!



ADOPTION SPOTLIGHT

Dozens of critters were adopted out this month and are well on their way to creating new and everlasting homes. While we loved them with all our hearts whilst taking care of them, it pleases us greatly to know they have a bright future.









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?

- Purina Fortiflora Cat Probiotic Powder Supplement
- MIRACLE VET High-Calorie Weight Gainer for Dogs & Cats 4-in-1
- · Kitten Food
 - · lams Kitten Wet Food (Purple Package)
 - · Royal Canin Mother & Baby Cat Wet
 - · lams Dry Kitten
- · Cat Litter
 - · Tidy Cats Clumping
 - · Tidy Cats Non-Clumping
- · Elevated Food Bowl to Aid Digestion
- . PowerLix Milk Frother
- · Cat Nip
- · Rebound Recuperation Formula
- · Soft Blankets
- · 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.





UPCOMING EVENTS

November 29th: Spay/Neuter Registration Day

- Time 12:00 PM 2:00 PM
- · Location: www.ahope4src.com/reserveaspot
- Info: Sign your pets up quickly, as spots fill up fast.

December 3rd: A HOPE Volunteer Holiday Party

- Time: 6:00 PM 9:00 PM
- Location: The Hangar American Grill, 3966
 Avalon Blvd, Milton
- Info: Active volunteers, get ready for a night of fun and friendship! Email volunteer@ahope4src.com with any questions.

December 7th: SRCAS Microchip Clinic

- Time 2:00 AM 4:00 PM
- · Location: 4451 Pine Forest Rd. Milton
- · Info: www.ahope4src.com/adoptions

December 11th: Pet Food Pantry Day

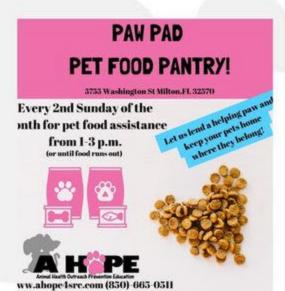
- Time 1:00 PM 3:00 PM
- · Location: 5755 Washington St, Milton, FL
- · Info: www.ahope4src.com/petpantry

December 13th Spay/Neuter Registration Day

- Time 12:00 PM 2:00 PM
- · Location: www.ahope4src.com/reserveaspot
- Info: Sign your pets up quickly, as spots fill up fast.

See all upcoming events at www.ahope4src.com/events





THANK YOUS

With our sponsors' support, we're able to host events like A New Leash on Love for our community. Here are a few organizations that continue to show they care by helping us put on such an exciting event.













Special thanks to Way Bail Bond, Inc. and all of our partners that make eve

HOPE'S HEROES

A huge THANK YOU to our October donors:

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Add it by becoming a monthly donor here:

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TAIL ME ABOUT IT!

Why Are Calicos Usually Female?

In case you don't know, calico cats are felines with three colors in their coat: orange, black, and white. They are also called brindle, tricolor, and mikeneko. This unique combination of shades sparks inspiration and wonder upon viewing these cute but rare kittens. Why pick between a black, orange, or white cat when you can have all three?

Amazingly, almost all calicos are ladies. Sure, you'll get a rare calico man every so often, but they are by far the exception. Why?

Genes that determine a cat's color are found in the X chromosome for both males and females. Since females have two X chromosomes, one can have a marker for orange and another for black. The white patches come from a gene identical to the "piebald," which causes some fur patches to lack melanin, resulting in a colorless white splotch.

Male calicos must have an extra X chromosome, enabling them to exhibit a more complicated coat. However, these felines have a few issues to worry about. They likely have Klinefelter syndrome, which causes sterility and other health problems. Some male calicos are "chimeras" and have two types of cells.

There's no denying that calicos are special. Unlike black cats, calicos have a universally positive reputation. The German word for calico cat translates to "lucky cat." You may find waving statues of them in Japanese restaurants, where they are said to bring good luck. Some fellow Americans call them "money cats."

See a calico? Give probably her a scratch.





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!