

# A HOPE MEWSWORTHY

August 2022 Edition



## WHAT ARE WE UP TO?

This month, we've been busy with community outreach and planning for the future. Our volunteer orientation was a huge success, and now we're getting set for our annual event "A New Leash on Love". The biggest news is the advancement of our affordable care spay/neuter clinic. That's right, our dream is becoming reality.

One of the greatest hurdles to community pet care is the expense of spay/neuter surgeries. At most vets, it can cost hundreds of dollars. With an affordable clinic, we can help cats and dogs by reducing the price to double digits. Reducing these costs keeps people and pets together....where they belong!

At the moment, we've got the land. It's a lush, beautiful lot in Milton that will be perfect for a clinic.

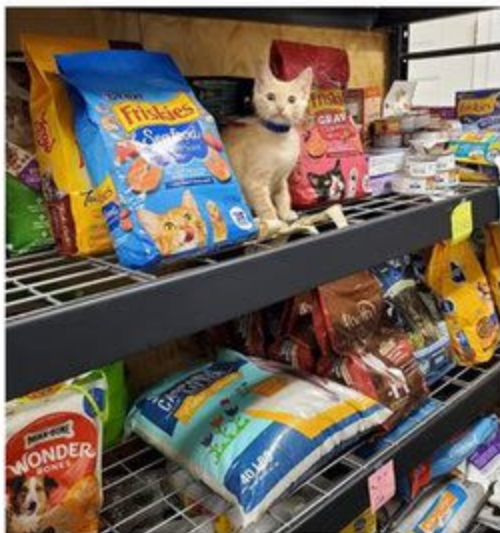


Right now, we're waiting for county approval to break ground and start building. It's going to be difficult: everything needs to be built, from the septic system to the utility infrastructure. But it will be built through our hard work and your support. We're beyond thrilled about this great leap forward for the Panhandle's animal welfare.

Find out more here: [ahope4src.com/cliniccomingsoon](http://ahope4src.com/cliniccomingsoon)

## BY THE NUMBERS

July has been a rush. While parents started getting their children ready to go back to school, we continued helping those FURchildren stay with their families! With your donations and the hard work of our volunteers, A HOPE saved over a hundred animals from starvation, loneliness, and overpopulation.



### In July, we...

Accepted **19 cats** and **10 rats** into our foster program.

Assisted **47 animals** with finding their forever families. Yay!!!

Transported **110 cats** and **10 dogs** to get fixed and vaccinated, bringing our year-to-date total up to **734 animals!**

Served **11 dogs** and **23 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
- Plus treats, pads, bowls, medicine, and more!

Through our donors' help and our partnership with Meals on Wheels, we've provided food for the pets of our local senior citizens. Lynn Peters Realty's donation amounted to 30 pounds of dry dog food and 56 pounds of cat food!



Thank you to our July sponsor, Lynn Peters Realty!





## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MOMENT

Our volunteers make it all work. Without them, there'd be no A HOPE to speak of. We'd like to take a moment to appreciate all the blood, sweat, and tears they put into saving cats, dogs, rats, and all of the other creatures that need help.

**In July**, volunteers gave us 1,426 hours of their time. From selflessly driving to Panama City with a van full of animals to selling concessions in a crowded baseball stadium, every hour helps make our animal welfare dreams come true. Imagine if all animals were healthy, every pet had a home, and no bellies were empty. With our donors and volunteers' tireless efforts, there's a chance.

Whether you foster, give, work, or simply support A HOPE, we appreciate your presence. There's much yet to be done, but we've accomplished a lot thus far. The future is bright for A HOPE and the animals who found a loving home.

### Claire Lampman

July's Volunteer of the Month



### Volunteers in Action



#### Where we need people most right now:

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

Bring your passion and skills to save lives with us!

[www.ahope4src.com/volunteer](http://www.ahope4src.com/volunteer)



## WHAT DO WE NEED?

- Cleaning Stuff
  - 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
- Heartbeat Pillow
- Laser Printer
- Rebound Recuperation Formula
- Soft Blankets
- Forever Stamps
- Short Ledge Stainless Steel Bowls
- Living World Deluxe Habitat



Find these and other items we need on our wishlist at [www.ahope4src.com/wishlist](http://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

### August 17th: Adoption Day (by appt only)

- Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Location: 5755 Washington St, Milton
- Info: [www.ahope4src.com/adoptions](http://www.ahope4src.com/adoptions)

### August 23rd: Spay/Neuter Registration Day

- Time: 12:00 PM (Noon)
- Location: Online at  
[www.ahope4src.com/reserveaspot](http://www.ahope4src.com/reserveaspot)

### August 27th: Blue Wahoos

- Time 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- Location: Wahoo Stadium, Pensacola
- Info: We'll be in the Fish & Chips booth.  
Always looking for helpers!

### August 31th: Adoption Day (by appt only)

- Time 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Location: 5755 Washington St, Milton
- Info: [www.ahope4src.com/adoptions](http://www.ahope4src.com/adoptions)

### September 6th: Spay/Neuter Registration Day

- Time: 12:00 PM (Noon)
- Location: Online at  
[www.ahope4src.com/reserveaspot](http://www.ahope4src.com/reserveaspot)

### September 11th: Pet Food Pantry Day

- Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Location: 5755 Washington St. Milton
- Info: [www.ahope4src.com/petpantry](http://www.ahope4src.com/petpantry)



## PAW PAD PET FOOD PANTRY!

5755 Washington St Milton, FL 32370

Every 2nd Sunday of the  
month for pet food assistance

from 1-3 p.m.  
(or until food runs out)

Let us lend a helping paw and  
keep your pet's home  
where they belong!



[www.ahope4src.com](http://www.ahope4src.com) (850)-663-0311

See all upcoming events at  
[www.ahope4src.com/events](http://www.ahope4src.com/events)

# THANK YOU!

With the help of our sponsors, we've saved the lives of many cats, dogs, and other furry creatures. Let's take a moment to thank all of the wonderful organizations out there who make A HOPE possible.



ANIMAL EYE CLINIC

Special thanks to Woodbine Animal Clinic, Amy's Home Pet Grooming, and our other sponsors!

## HOPE'S HEROES

A huge THANK YOU to our July donors:

Robin Gilmore	Lona Thrasher	Virginia Bowman	Elieen Morris	Jennifer Hendrix
Jebbye Lemons	Bridget Knight	Kerry Anne Schultz	Makenna Carmichael	Danielle Jordan
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Lynn Gilmore Melton	Christy Carlson	Mary Causey	Cynthia Fulford	Tracy Hornbrook
Kat Lyons	Mindy Wilson	Karan Llewellyn	Deane Mungle	Cynthia Howell
Holly & Jay Shands	Deborah Lewis	Paige Cary	Dana Aydelott	Barbara Hall

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[www.ahope4src.com/hopesheroes](http://www.ahope4src.com/hopesheroes)



# TAIL ME ABOUT IT!

## How do cats show affection?

We all have our own love language. Some people give gifts while others opt for hugs.

Cats are different. They don't express affection as humans do. In fact, it can be confused to tell whether or not a cat cares at all - especially when compared to dogs, who practically wear their hearts on the collar.

Purring may seem obvious, but that's not necessarily the case. Felines of all ages purr in exchange for goods and services, like food and chin scratches. Slow blinks, belly revelations (don't touch though), and head bonks are clear signals that they claim you as their own. Take that as you will.

A sign of affection that may not be so obvious is how they interact with their environment.

In one study, researchers let cats hang out in a room with their owner or a stranger. With a stranger, the cats would just sit and keep watch. When they were with their owner, however, the cats explored the area more often. This shows they feel comfortable and safe, even if they're in an unfamiliar environment.

Let a fluffy feline be comfy and safe by becoming a foster today!



Do you have questions? We want to answer them!

Send any inquiries to [ahopenews@gmail.com](mailto:ahopenews@gmail.com), and maybe we'll answer yours in next month's Tail Me About It!