



LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ANIMAL CRUELTY TASK FORCE

NEWSLETTER



"PROTECTING THOSE WHO CANNOT PROTECT THEMSELVES"

SPECIAL THANKS TO "MUTTY PAWS RESCUE"

One need not be an animal "advocate" to truly understand why Sheriff Carmine Marceno has devoted resources to his fight against animal abuse and mistreatment. One only needs to look at the "before" and "after" photos of Khaleesi...recently rescued with other canines from an abusive and neglectful home.



Thanks to "Muttys Paws Rescue," Khaleesi is THRIVING in her foster home. She has bonded with her foster sibling and is returning the love given

to her tenfold. Always magnificent on the inside, Khaleesi is recovering, filling out and showing just how beautiful she is on the outside!

"Khaleesi has shown her resilience since the day we rescued her," stated Michelle Holsinger, Mutty Paws Co-founder. "She has never given up and has proven to be one of the strongest dogs we have ever known. She is grateful every day to be alive and reminds us with her kisses and constant cuddles. Her recovery has been a rollercoaster ride, but we wouldn't have changed a thing except wishing that we would have found her sooner.



OCTOBER 2021

CONVICTED ANIMAL ABUSER FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF TERMS OF PROBATION

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force arrested Luuly Quang (DOB 05-22-1957) and charged her with Violation of Probation and Animal Cruelty (Felony).



Quang was adjudicated guilty, in June of this year, on four counts of Cruelty to Animals and had adjudication withheld on 25 other counts of Animal Cruelty. She was sentenced to probation and ordered not to be in possession of animals.

Following the receipt of information, the Lee County Sheriff's Office requested, received and executed a search warrant in Ms. Quang's home. At that time, multiple cats, suffering from serious medical conditions, were found inside of the home. Additionally, feline skeletal remains were discovered.

Cat food found at the residence was old and covered with mold. There was no evidence that Quang provided/sought medical care for the numerous cats suffering from disease or disorders.



LCSO ANIMAL CRUELTY TASK FORCE FUNDRAISER "GHOULS' NIGHT OUT" TO BE HELD IN CAPE CORAL

Save the date...Thursday, October 21, 2021, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm!

A Halloween event for the entire family! Local businesses and social service agencies will be manning tables, giving out candy and giveaways to the kids and hosting games and contests.

Gulf Coast Humane Society will be on hand with a number of adoptable dogs in their Halloween costumes. The Lee County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force will be on hand with giveaways.

A pet-friendly event, we are hoping that guests will bring their pet(s), in costume, and participate in our "Creepy



Canine Costume Contest."

Admission is free, however, we do ask that guests bring much-needed supplies for our local animal shelters. Please bring towels, sheets, "Kong" dog

toys, "Nylabones," Dawn Dishwashing Liquid, cleaning supplies, cat litter, Clorox (disinfectant) wipes, large black trash bags, etc.

Gulf Coast Humane Society, Mutty Paws Rescue and the Brotherhood of Heroes Resource Center & Museum to benefit from this fundraising effort.

ANIMALS-AT-LARGE IN LEE COUNTY

Each week, the Lee County Animal Cruelty Task Force posts pleas on social media accounts regarding the importance of preventing animals from running freely in Lee County.

Despite these reminders, the number of at-large animals remains a significant concern.

These animals continue to destroy property, are regularly struck by passing cars and trucks, have been killed by local wildlife, have been involved in a number of dog-bite incidents and have become a burden for our local shelters.



Lee County social media pages are flooded with lost and missing dogs. While we understand that dogs do escape from time to time...dig a hole beneath the fence...tear through screened lanais...run out an open door, the problem continues to worsen and can only be resolved with the help of pet owners. Fences should be inspected regularly to ensure integrity. Gates and doors must be kept closed when used to contain an animal. Tables, chairs or woodpiles near the fence line should be moved as canines utilize these structures to climb over fencing.

Dogs must be leashed when out for walks and out relieving themselves. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!

"If animals spoke,
humanity would cry."

- Manuj Rajput



Considering fostering a
homeless animal?

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Q&A WITH WENDY PERRA, DVM

Dr. Wendy Perra received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Tuskegee University in 2000.

Question: "Is it true that flat-faced dogs, such as Pugs and Bulldogs, are prone to breathing problems?"

Dr. Wendy Perry, DVM: "Dogs that have shortened skull bones creating a flat-faced appearance are known as brachycephalic breeds. This group includes a wide array of favorites including Pugs, Bulldogs, Boston Terriers and many more.

While most of these dogs are fun-loving family members, they are not good bed mates due to their snoring. Will this upper airway conformation predispose your fur baby to respiratory problems?

The simple answer is yes.

Brachycephalic breeds often have a partial airway obstruction caused by narrowed nostrils, elongated soft palate, everted sacculles in the larynx and an underdeveloped trachea. These congenital conditions result in a decreased circumference of the upper airways and redundant tissues around the back of the throat.

The result is snoring, loud breathing, frequent panting, chronic coughing and/or gagging creating difficulty swallowing, all of which are exacerbated by warm and humid weather. Obesity complicates the problem further. These dogs are often reluctant to do much exercise simply because they cannot meet their oxygen needs.

It is important to note that not every brachycephalic dog will demonstrate these problems. But for the ones that do, surgical correction is the best option to improve their quality of life. In addition, managing their weight as well as any seasonal allergies that can cause havoc in the upper airways is critical. When they experience any illness that has an effect on the respiratory system, the symptoms are amplified and can even lead to fainting, pulmonary edema or aspiration pneumonia. So, if you are privileged to have a flat-faced Fido, call your veterinarian at the first signs of any unusual respiratory issues."

I'D LOVE A FOREVER HOME...

I'm Blue Bella, a 50-pound terrier mix, and I'm so hoping to find a loving family of my own!

I'm told that I am extremely sweet and that I have lovely eyes. I'm very active and I enjoy running and



playing! I'm kind of quiet...not much of a barker...and, if possible, it would be a great if I was the only dog in your home.

Please come and visit me at the Gulf Coast Humane Society, 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers or call 239-332-0364 for more information.

FROMM FAMILY FOODS VOLUNTARILY RECALLS "FOUR STAR SHREDDED ENTRE" CANNED FOOD FOR DOGS

Consumers should stop feeding the products listed below to their dogs due to potentially elevated levels of Vitamin D. Potential adverse reactions could occur in all size dogs.

Four-Star SHREDDED BEEF IN GRAVY ENTRÉE

Four-Star SHREDDED CHICKEN IN GRAVY ENTRÉE

Four-Star SHREDDED PORK IN GRAVY ENTRÉE

Four-Star SHREDDED TURKEY IN GRAVY ENTRÉE