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Miguel Abi-hassan, CEO
and his dog Shandy



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Letter from Miguel Abi-hassan

As you may know by now, I am in the process of transitioning to a new position. I purposely do not use the word “job” when referring to my life’s work as it is and has always been a labor of love. For my last CEO letter, I wish to extend my gratitude to the people that have always made it so and to garner your trust in the notion that this organization is so much more than anyone person.

Firstly, our Board - If you have ever heard me talk about the Board of HHS, you know how much I treasure each and every one of our members. These individuals are not just a representative sample of our service area, their passion, their vision, and their business experience is the epitome of what a humane society board member should bring to the table. Their feedback inspires. They care about the animals AND the community we serve. It is because of this Board that our past was secure, and our future remains full of potential.

Our staff - Though many come to HHS to “work on behalf of animals,” a good portion stay because they see the impact and social change that this non-profit inspires in our own community and beyond. They quickly realize that this organization is no longer just a shelter but is a center in which we inspire humanity—in many ways, making the world a better place.

Our volunteers - Imagine feeling so passionate about a cause that you forgo payment as part of your work. With over 600 registered volunteers, these passionate folks are the true testament to our mission. Each and every one of them can attest to the pets whose lives they have made better. Without our volunteers, we simply could not function.

Our supporters - Without you, this organization would simply not have the resources to make progress and to remind our community how we can all be more humane. Whether you give in time, treasure, or just a simple “thank you,” we will always be grateful for your continued commitment to our cause.



I owe each and every one of you a debt of gratitude on behalf of the thousands of animals and people we have helped together. From our humble roots as a shelter to our evolution as a Center that serves every step of the Human-Animal Bond and journey, we have YOU to be grateful for.

As a final farewell, know that Halifax Humane Society will forever hold a special place in my heart as I know it will continue to hold a place in yours.

Best regards,

Miguel Abi-hassan

A handwritten signature of Miguel Abi-hassan in black ink.

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An Interview with Outgoing CEO



Miguel Abi-hassan has been the CEO of Halifax Humane Society (HHS) since 2011. During his tenure he accomplished many goals and attained numerous milestones for the organization, including the significant accomplishment of achieving a live release rate of 90% or better since January of 2020. A challenging goal for any animal shelter to attain, but even more taunting for an open admission shelter like Halifax Humane Society.

Miguel accepted an offer with an international animal welfare organization in September 2021 and will be leaving HHS as soon as a replacement CEO is secured.

We had the opportunity to sit down with Miguel to discuss his vision for HHS, how he accomplished so much in just ten short years, and his general vision for the animal welfare industry.

SP- I have often referred to you as the Steve Jobs of animal welfare because you genuinely are a visionary and have taken HHS from a shelter with a 40% live release rate (LRR) to an adoption center that qualifies as a no-kill operation with a 95% LRR as of the end of 2020. Simply, how did you do that?

MA- Around 2012, staff and I presented a three-fold strategy to our Board. Our hope was to increase our impact by providing three main pinnacles of holistic animal care. We aptly named it “Plan Alive.” The plan included increasing access to resources, increasing our programmatic service offerings, and furthering our outreach. In the span of 5 years, we grew our programs from 16 to 38, including our Foster Program, Summer Camps, a new clinic, and many other improvements. These improvements facilitated a shift in the perception of who Halifax Humane Society is and what our role in improving the status quo would become.

SP- What has been the most challenging part of overseeing the operations of HHS, and what has been the most rewarding accomplishment?

MA- The most rewarding yet challenging accomplishment has to be the drastic increase in our live release rate. Ultimately, when I first came to HHS, we were taking more animals into our doors than my former employer, Atlanta Humane Society. Pet homelessness is not a shelter problem. I often find myself reminding critics that “we don’t make them here.” Correcting pet homelessness requires the same multifaceted approach to correcting any other social issue; understanding, collaboration, and resources. However, as an organization, we accepted the added challenge of ensuring that we would raise our live release rate without ever closing our doors to an animal in need. It’s important to note that restricting intake has often been applied as a

method to increase live release rates, but our organization felt that restrictive red rope policies do not have a place in shelters. Seeing our live release rate of over 90% today, I am glad the consensus was to maintain the core of our open-admission policy, and I’m equally proud of everyone who helped us get there. We did the unthinkable.

SP- Are there any goals or plans you were unable to attain for HHS?

MA- I think the biggest challenge for my successor will be to ensure that we bounce back from this pandemic, not just as an organization but as a community. Many staffing and resource issues have affected social movements, and I’m afraid we may see a slight rebound in the number of animals entering our shelter. I hope that as a community we can all come together and support HHS to ensure whatever rebounds we see in the number of free-roaming animals, we remain supportive of this organization as an anchor of humanity. I remember being in Animal Welfare through the recession, and though we don’t foresee history repeating itself, we have to increase our support of non-profits when they’re more needed.

SP- You have accepted a position with an international organization. What exactly will you be doing in your new role, and why did you feel it was important to move on from your experience at HHS?

MA- HHS will be held in my heart and memories as one of the best decades of my life. Not many opportunities would entice me to depart from an organization and a second family that I found in my staff and Board. However, this has always been a labor of love that I measure only by the number of animals I can serve today as opposed to

Happy Tails!

*We help over 25,000 animals each year.
Here are a few of their stories.*



What does your cat add to your life?

We asked our Facebook followers to tell us what their cat(s) add to their lives, and here are a few of their responses.



Beverly Ewer

I got my 2 boys 3 years ago at an adoption event!! They were only 3 months old!! They are so loving and entertaining and bring me joy every day!! They sleep with me and are always by my side! They are my fur babies and help to keep my life fulfilled!

Wendy Beach Feigenbaum

We adopted Charley from HHS when she was 3 months

old. She makes us smile every day. She has attached herself to our daughter. She sleeps next to her every night, waits for her to come home from school, sits next to her while she eats and completes her homework. She is so loving, and they have such a special bond.

Teresa Paynter

My 6 cats helped me cope with social isolation when I am having a Lupus flare up.

Chulis L Correa

My baby brings my husband and myself peace and most definitely makes us laugh, especially every evening... We literally have to play hide and seek every night.

Tammy Dean Alvarez

We adopted Cleo from HHS last year in April when everything was shutdown. She is an excellent companion. She's an older cat so not too energetic or playful but she shows affection and just loves to hang out with us.

Dianne Swett Pica

I got my little girl 14 months ago and she is my world. We go walking together and ride in the car to Jacksonville to have a play date with Otis my sister's dog. Life would not be the same without her. She brings me so much happiness and love! Without her, life would very lonely!



Becky Barnes Stewart

I got both of my kitties, both FIV+, from ya'll!

Marcia Pixley Hurlburt

We got our Lil girl from you over 16 yrs ago. She was to both of us, a lil best friend ! Now since my husband has passed, she brings so much, happiness and love to me! Without her, life would very lonely!



Tails from Vet Services

Our veterinarian staff, led by Veterinary Services Director Dr. Jennifer Green, help thousands of animals each year. Over 7,000 spay/neuter procedures are performed at our Redinger Spay Neuter Clinic each year alone. Animals who need surgical operations are fortunate to arrive at HHS for a chance for a full recovery and then off to a happy and loving forever home.



Here is Picasso. He entered the shelter in mid-June at just over one month in age as a stray through ACO. He had severe facial trauma on presentation, which included a deep laceration that exposed his left maxilla and

his ventral eye. He also had punctures on his left axilla area. He was started on antibiotics and pain medications in preparation for surgery. Dr. Green performed surgery to reconstruct his face and repair the wound on his side.



Two weeks after surgery, he was completely healed save for his left eye still having some swelling. He was placed on additional medications and released for adoption. The two photographs show his initial wounds, the

post-op of the face and flank, and finally once all of the staples and drain were removed. He was adopted in early July.

Sharky, (shown to the left) a 3-year-old male (formally intact)



DSH presented in early August with a deep degloving wound to his dorsal head. Dr. Atwood supervised our visiting veterinary student who performed the initial debridement and repair. Due to the extensive size and infection, Sharky required a second debridement and repair. Dr. Atwood was able to complete the closure.

Below is one of Dr. Atwood's first trauma cases. Big Foot (as he has now been named) is a 3-month-old male, DSH kitten that presented in mid-August with his hind left foot swollen. Once he was sedated, a fishing line was identified to be wrapped and knotted around his foot, thus causing the swelling.



ing. He was placed on antibiotics and pain medications. He is recovering currently and hopefully will be up for adoption soon. The two photographs show the patient sedated with the enlarged foot at distance then up close, followed by the fishing line removed, and finally the same foot the next day with the swelling almost completely gone.

The veterinarian staff at HHS, performs hundreds of surgical procedures each and every month. Animals that just 15-years ago may have been required to be euthanized due to lack of available treatment are now saved and adopted into new loving forever homes.



Our veterinarian staff does not provide services to people for their pets. We work with many private veterinarian practices and suggest pet owners find a local veterinarian who can take care of our pets' needs from annual vaccinations, medications, x-rays, surgeries, and more.

If you need a recommendation for veterinary services, ask another pet owner or a neighbor with a pet who they trust with their pets. Veterinary care is vital to the health and lifespan of your pets.

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Volunteer Spotlight:

Meredith Babb



Meredith has been volunteering at HHS for over 5-months and has already put in over 265 hours doing laundry and walking the dogs. (67 of those hours were in August, the hottest month of the year.)

Meredith is always one of the first volunteers to respond to a call for help when we are short handed on staff. We thank Meredith for her consistency and dedication to helping the animals.

Kathy DeLand



Kathy is a new volunteer who hit the ground running with lots of involvement and time investment. She has transported cats, helped care for the cats at PetSmart ISB and Deland locations, donated shelves to help organize the cat/small animal utility room, helped with socializing cats and dogs, and more. We could use more volunteers like Kathy. Thanks Kathy for your time and your support of the animals you help get adopted.



Nanette McKeel - Petrella



Nanette McKeel-Petrella has been a long time foster parent, donor, and volunteer for HHS. In 2019, Nanette had over 1500 volunteer hours. In 2020, she had over 900 hours (during the pandemic) and so far in 2021, she has over 500 hours as of this writing. Nanette has fostered many bottle babies that require being fed every 3 hours. Luckily, her husband and daughters both pitch in to help. We thank Nanette

for her dedication to the animals.



We took in 15 cats from Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control Division to help them free up space for more incoming cats. These cats were taken to a special PetSmart Charities Clear the Shelter Event that offered special adoption fees. Shelters helping other shelters saves more animal lives.

Letter from the
Pam Clayton
Chief Financial & Development Officer

Dear Cherished Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of Halifax Humane Society, I wish Miguel Abi-hassan much success in his new adventure. Miguel, through the support of an amazing Board of Directors, was instrumental in transforming Halifax Humane Society into the respected organization it is today. There will always be challenges before us, but I have complete confidence that our HHS family will continue to evolve and be a beacon of hope for our community and the animals that we so dearly love.

Like so many organizations, the pandemic has impacted our ability to fully staff our facilities and programs. Adjustments are being made as we strive to maintain critical programs and services for all our guests, albeit human or animal. Our hope is always to exceed guest expectations but as we are stretched thin, I thank you for your patience and support during this time. Feel free to contact me if you have any ongoing concerns at pamc@halifaxhumanesociety.org or my direct line at (386) 202-6632.

A new and exciting team member training program, EXCEL (EXpanded Curriculum for Exceptional Learners), will run each Tuesday in November. Check the website for changes in our operating times. The program is designed to unite our team, invest in their professional development, and empower them to surpass the expectations of our guests, our supporters, our volunteers, and of course all the animals in our care.

We are grateful for the continued decline in COVID cases in our community, however, we are not willing to risk the health/safety of any of our HHS family, this includes you, to host our traditional in-person Fur Ball event. The decision was not made lightly and provides yet another immediate challenge to be addressed, a financial shortfall. I invite you to come walk with me through our facility and look into the eyes of each animal in our care. They are counting on us to do everything possible to save their life – by name..... Harriet (12-year-old Basset Hound), Q-Tip (Neo-natal kitten), Millie (Hen), Ragan (Rat), Ellie (dog 200+

days and counting). Please thoughtfully consider a sacrificial gift to maintain our lifesaving work into 2022 and beyond.

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A photograph of a dog's head and neck, looking out of the back window of a car. The dog has light brown and white fur and is wearing a red collar with a silver buckle. The background shows a street with trees and a car in the distance.

2021-22 UPCOMING EVENTS

(subject to change)

2021

11/13	Putts Fore Mutts Golf Tournament
11/30	Giving Tuesday
12/20 - 12/24	Winter Kids Camp

2022

3/10	Bike Week Ruff Ride
3/24 - 3/28	Spring Break Camp
4/23	12th Annual Mutt Strutt

We will also have numerous adoption events with Subaru of Daytona and other partners. Like Us on Facebook so you can stay informed.

Please visit www.HalifaxHumaneSociety.org and click on the Events tab for more information and to pre-register for specific events.



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yesterday. It is seldom that I have the opportunity to impact as many animals as I will in my new role. I will be operating six sanctuaries and coordinating Global Disaster responses for affected animals.

While I still have it in me to run in the direction of a disaster, I want to embrace the challenge of helping animals when the dire need arises at home and abroad.

SP- You have always said that you couldn't ask for a better board of directors. The Board has always been very supportive of your leadership. Can you expand on how crucial it is to have a supportive board?

MA- Ultimately, a CEO's job is to execute and help deliver on the vision of the Board. Because this Board brings so much business prowess to the table and has so much passion for the mission of our organization, their vision was always evident; to be an anchor of humanity for our community. In the early days, our President Mel Stack once said to me, "Miguel, we are so much more than a shelter." It instills compassion by the way in which we foster care of animals. Our entire Board embraces that concept, and every meeting is dedicated to the notion of proliferating that belief.

SP- Lastly, tell our readers a little about your history prior to joining HHS. How did you get into animal welfare, and what is your general vision for the industry?

MA- I always tell the story that while other children were thinking of becoming astronauts or firefighters, I longed to end up working in an animal shelter. I dedicated my entire educational and professional path to ensure that I could be the best person and leader that I could be. When I finally got my first job at a shelter, I cared for the animals directly and witnessed a lack of leadership. I pursued a Master's in Industrial Psychology so that I could understand social movements and leadership better. Through time I was promoted to several different positions in the Animal Welfare field. Today, I still hold those experiences near and dear. I make every decision in review of what's become twenty-plus years of sheltering experience and ensure the people I hire bring passion and a fervor for the science of animal sheltering into this organization.

Where I see the industry going - Many leaders in this industry say they are trying to put themselves out of a job. I don't ever see a future where there won't be animals that come to our need. Whether it's behavior issues or physical trauma, I

think husbandry is just part of what we do. Another part of what the industry and this organization bring is a reminder of humanity, and I believe this is paramount to our society. During the Capital Campaign for the renovation, we called the build "the anchor of humanity." This is true for this

entire industry. Through animals, we remind people of what it is to be humane.

SP- Is there anything else you would like to say?

Thank you. Thank you for the support, the friendships, the memories, and all the good we did together. A special thanks to our Board, Staff, Volunteers, and Donors. I've learned so much from every single one of you. As I walk out of my

office one last time, it will be you, and all the animals we cared for that will be on my mind. I know there are even more great things to come in the future of HHS.

"Halifax Humane Society is an anchor of humanity."



Board President, Mel Stack and Miguel Abi-hassan standing in the recently renovated courtyard.

PetSmart Charities Petsmart Success Stories

My husband and I had been talking about adopting a dog for a while but knew that we didn't have the time to commit to a puppy. So, we had halfheartedly decided maybe to wait on adding a dog. However, the Halifax Humane Society was holding an event at PetSmart, and we decided to check it out.



Good things happen for those who wait, and Laika was definitely worth the wait. She has been a beautiful addition to our lives. They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but "they" never met Laika. She is very smart and is willing to learn...except learning to drop her ball. She LOVES her ball! We are so thrilled to have her in our lives.

A Special Thank You to our Grantors!



Jack has made a tremendous impact on Cherise's life. She always wanted a black cat and now has one. He is loving and sweet and likes to be at her side whether she is brushing her teeth in the morning or doing homework at the kitchen counter. He gets along well with Banner, Cherise's 7-month-old puppy as well! It is almost like they were meant to be best friends. Jack is super loving when family comes over. The picture is of Jack in the shower while she was doing her hair one morning. Just wants to be nearby.



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lifesaving work. Since then, we have transitioned the ride into a poker run and have been fortunate to gain hundreds of riders, and some fabulous event sponsors!

This Biketoberfest we hosted our 22nd Ruff Ride and it did not disappoint! With over 250 riders we made stops in New Smyrna Beach, Ponce Inlet, Daytona Beach, and Ormond Beach. All participants received a limited-edition event t-shirt, a poker hand, dinner, and drink.

After skipping the 2020 Biketoberfest ride due to concerns of COVID, we were determined to host a ride for Bike Week. We were introduced to local resident Thomas moT Amen, CEO of moTMan Enterprises, Inc., and creator of The Mischief Maker App. This Poker Run app was a perfect solution to reduce our concerns of person-to-person contact. The app does it all – registers participants, shows the route to the next ride stop using real-time GPS mapping, scans QR codes at each ride stop, digitally deals a card and tracks the poker hand, and at the very end notifies all participants of the event winners. The best part...moT provides use of The Mischief Maker App at no charge to Halifax Humane Society. This includes use of his app, time and materials for set up, his larger-than-life personality and endless patience at registration to ensure all riders are able to get the app loaded and running on their phones, as well as his team stationed at each ride stop to ensure excellent customer service. October 14th was our second time utilizing this app with incredible feedback from our participants and we look forward to continuing our partnership with moT.

In addition to moT's generosity, our event would not be a successful fundraiser for the animals without the support of our presenting event sponsors, The World-Famous Iron Horse Saloon and Politis & Matovina, P.A.

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Above: Event Sponsor, Michael Politis (left) with Jim Clayton enjoying the Ruff Ride.

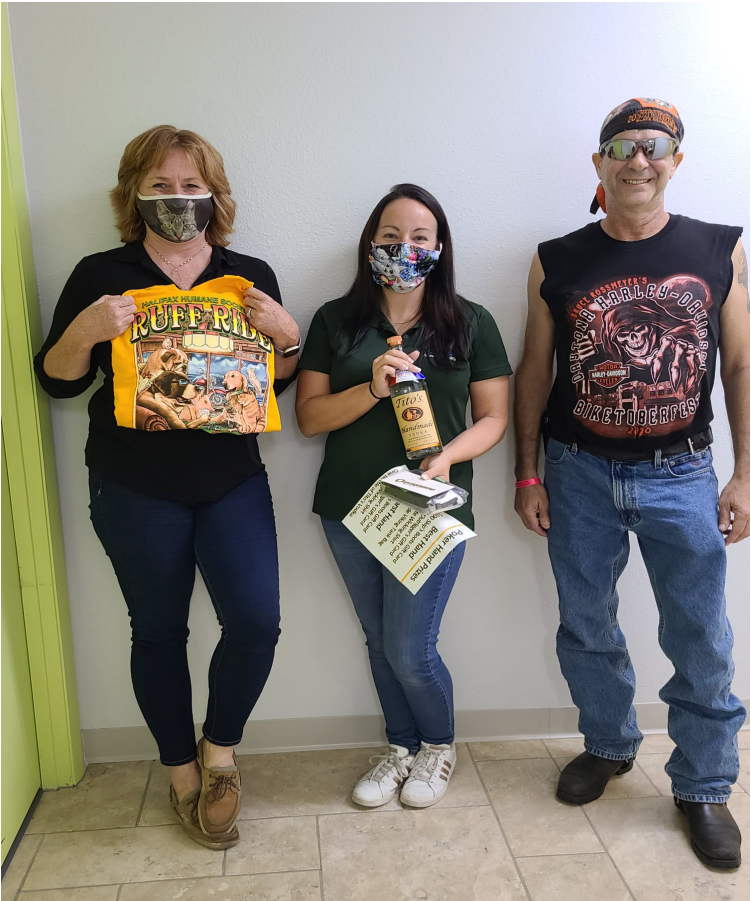
find one (if not both!) of them out on a bike enjoying the event!

The World-Famous Iron Horse Saloon has been the “final destination” on our Ruff Ride since 2013. They provide a fantastic barbeque dinner, drink, and amazing entertainment. Steve Fritze, the General Manager of the Iron Horse Saloon, and one of our biggest supporters passed this summer. This ride was dedicated to his memory – his name is included in the t-shirt design.

If you have not yet joined us for this FUNdraiser, mark your calendar! Bike Week and Biketoberfest Ruff Ride shirts are one of a kind and typically sellout! You might want to go online and order yours NOW for Bike Week 2022.



Above: Thomas moT Amen (left) shows a rider how to use his Mischief Maker Poker Run App.



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More Success Stories From Vet Services

Frank, a six-year-old male castrated domestic shorthair cat arrived at HHS late on June 3 as an owner surrender. Frank had a long history of suffering from FLUTD (feline lower urinary tract disease). His owner was unable to care for Frank further as he required life-saving emergency surgery, which she was unable to afford. When Frank arrived at HHS, he was unable to urinate for 3 days. As vet's like to jokingly say, emergencies always happen on Fridays. Dr. Green became aware of the case the next day (a Friday). Frank was not doing well clinically. He was lateral, weak, severely dehydrated, and his bloodwork was azotemic (indicates issues with kidneys). Frank was taken to surgery for a cystotomy (to confirm no stones were in the bladder) then he had perineal urethrostomy performed. This procedure removes the external penis and scrotum and creates a permanent opening in the skin for the male, which assists with preventing the patient blocking in the future. Frank recovered over the weekend at Dr. Green's house. He continued to do well, and was adopted by his previous owner later in June. The decision was made to reunite Frank with his family due to the extreme lengths they had already gone with his treatment (his family had already spent almost \$3,500 on his medical care the prior 6 months before surrendering him).



Photograph of sweet Frank, a little unhappy in his e-collar, which he does not like.

Jelly, a 10 year old female Dachshund, with a very large bladder stone. The stone was removed, and the patient went to foster care for recovery and then was adopted.



Jelly at the time she arrived at HHS.



2021 Mutt Strutt



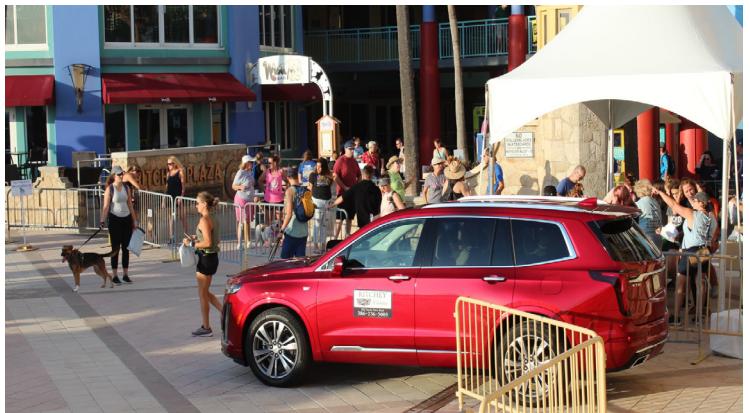
On October 2, 2021 The 11th Annual Mutt Strutt was held at the Daytona Beach Bandshell. The event was a great success and raised over \$63,000 for our community's animals. Special thanks to presenting sponsor Subaru of Daytona for their support and contribution.

The festivities began with an 8:00 am check-in. A little before 9:00 am the Embry Riddle Color Guard presented our country's flag, and John Pray sang the national anthem. Subaru of Daytona made a check presentation featuring a \$40,000 prop check.



Nanette McKeel-Petrella (pictured above) led the mutts and their strutters down to the beach and sent them on their way. Shortly after, the Taylor Road Band played until prizes were awarded.

Mutt Strutt is usually held in April but due to the pandemic, it was rescheduled in 2021. Mark your calendars for April 23, 2022 for the 12th Annual Mutt Strutt!



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Below: Special thanks to the Jimmy's Hood group from Margaritaville who collected \$600 for the animals at a recent fundraising event. Thank you for your kindness. Miguel Abi-hassan, CEO accepts the check from one of our volunteers Colleen and her friends from Margaritaville. Thanks so much!!!



Below: Nauti Pets collected 25 bags of dog food from customers at Celtic Fest for the dogs at HHS. Thank you for your kindness!



Below: Brooke and Justin Murphy along with their family and friends donated 18, 55 lb. bags of dog food for the homeless animals at the shelter. This donation fed lots dogs! Thanks so much!



Below: Special thanks to Girl Scout Troop 825 for their generous donation for the animals. The girls decided to take money they collected throughout the year and bought food and supplies for the homeless animals at HHS. Big hearts in this troop!



Are you interested in donating to help our community's animals?

You can make a monetary donation by visiting <https://www.halifaxhumanesociety.org/donate/index>

If you would like to make a food donation, please drop off or drop ship your donation to 2364 LPG A Blvd., Daytona Beach, FL 32124. Our new visiting hours are 12 noon to 6 pm, 7-days a week, however donations may be dropped off beginning at 10:00 am.

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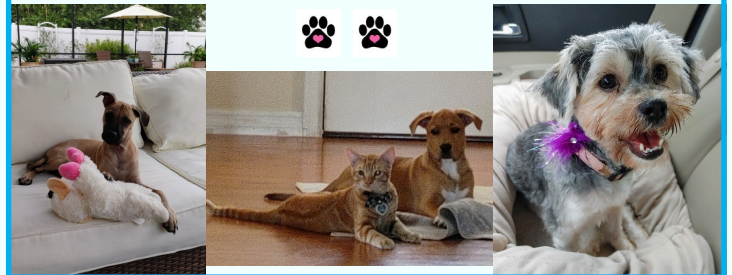
My association with Halifax Humane Society has brought great joy to my life since first becoming a volunteer in 2017 and an annual sponsor in 2018. Two of our dogs, Mac and Samson, were both our fosters before becoming members of the family. Delilah, our third pup, has the best brothers who love her dearly. All have welcomed Cheez, our rescued neighborhood kitten, and many fosters pups.



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The Importance of Volunteering



By Kiana Gay, Volunteer Mgr.

There are a lot of animals that are waiting to find homes. At capacity, Halifax Humane Society can house approximately 400 animals. Our offsite locations, (PetSmart on International Speedway Blvd. and Deland or Pet Supermarket in

Daytona Beach, Port Orange, and Ormond Beach) have a total of 22 kennels. Unfortunately, shelters experi-



ence overcrowding, increasing the need for adoption events to help more pets find forever homes and free up space for more pets in need. We participate in multiple national events throughout the year: Clear the Shelter is held once a year and sponsored by NBC and Telemundo. Empty the shelter sponsored by Bissel is typically held bi-monthly. During these events, our shelter is able to offer discounts on adoption fees. There's been some growing concern that "free adoption" events may



increase animal return rates, but statistics show otherwise. The percentages are the same as if the adopter came in on any typical day at the shelter to adopt, which is around a 25% return rate. Animal shelters are full of amazing, fun, and loving animals waiting for the purrrfect home.

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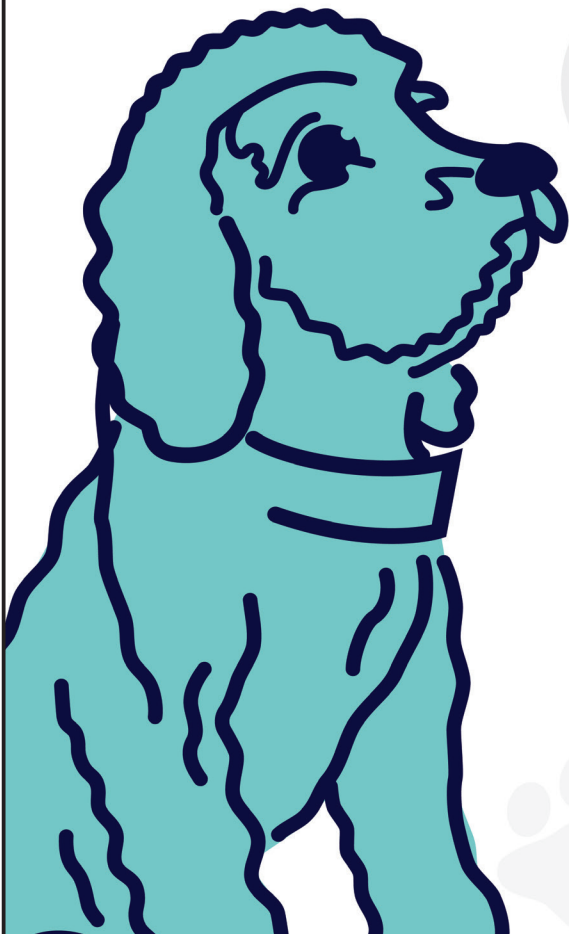


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Ask the Animal Trainer

By: Marie Hughes

My dog seems to listen okay when we're at home- he'll come running right to me if I call him from another room or if I call him for dinner time. It seems that when we're at the park, he completely forgets how to listen to me; I can call him a million times and he'll totally ignore me, it can get really frustrating and even embarrassing having to yell for him at the dog park. What can I do to get him to listen when we're out of the house?

-Yelling in Eustis

Dear Yelling,

Establishing a strong recall can be hard in a very distracting setting (like the dog park!), and your observation of how your dog listens in the home vs. outside at the park is actually quite common among dog owners. A few things to consider when working on your dog's recall should include your tone of voice when calling your dog; do you sound happy and excited to see your dog? Or are you sounding frustrated and upset when calling for your pup to come to you? Your dog will likely not want to come easily if you are yelling angrily... would you happily come to someone angrily yelling at you? Also, do you have anything to offer your dog in return for coming when called? The park is a very exciting and enriching environment, and as dogs owners we must work to make ourselves more exciting than said environment. Try to get into the habit of rewarding your dog with something high-value each time he comes to you, this way he learns that coming when called is truly exciting as it always means you have something good for him. Eventually you can work to phase out treats, but you should still find ways to keep this behavior very rewarding in some other way that your dog enjoys. When working on your dog's recall response, consider starting in a calmer environment such as your own yard before moving on to a more distracting setting like the park.

I just adopted a dog from my local shelter, and his paperwork said he can be destructive inside when left alone. I would like to crate train my new pup to keep him safe while I'm away; I've got the crate all set up but my dog refuses to go in without me picking him up and putting him inside. He doesn't seem to mind being in the crate once I get him in there, but I don't want to feel like I'm forcing him into what should be his safe space. How can I help my dog feel comfortable going into the crate by himself?

-Kenneling in Key West

Dear Kenneling,

I commend you for choosing crate training to keep your newly adopted dog safe while you're out of the house! I'm also glad to hear that your pup doesn't seem to mind being in the crate once you get him in. When done correctly, crate training can provide a great sense of security to both the dog and the owner

when direct supervision is not an option. It can, however, be incredibly stressful for everyone involved to have to physically force any behavior from our pets- such as going into a crate or other confined space. Instead, try luring your dog into his crate by placing a few treats just outside of the crate's opening. Allow your dog to eat the treats at his own pace, building his confidence in approaching the crate. Gradually move the treats further into the crate, while still allowing your dog to take them at his own pace. Once your dog can comfortably enter the crate on his own to retrieve the treats you've tossed in, you can pair a cue word to the exercise; try tossing the treats in and saying something like "Kennel", or "Load Up". Repeat this process until your dog is comfortable walking all the way into the crate on his own, before closing the door to the crate. By giving your dog the option to go into his crate, you're teaching him that his kennel is a rewarding, safe place for him to be, which will help encourage him to enter the crate more willingly in the future when you leave the house.

I recently got my very first dog, who has been great for the most part with no major behavior issues so far. I would still really like to give her some basic training, and have been learning about positive-reinforcement training which is definitely the right option for us... the only problem is that she does not care about treats at all. She'll sometimes take chicken or string cheese, but not very reliably. I really want to make positive-reinforcement work for us, but it seems almost impossible to find a treat my dog cares about. What can I do to motivate my pup?

-Disinterested in Destin

Dear Disinterested,

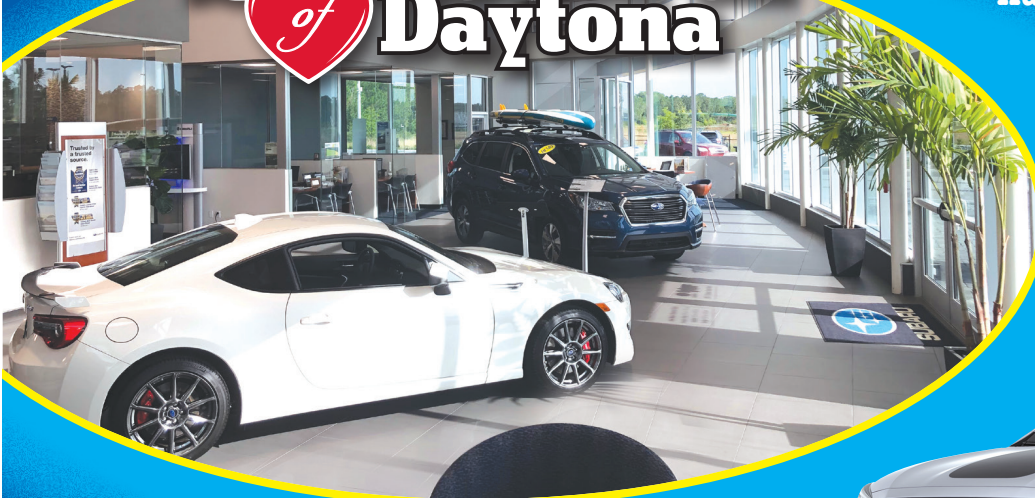
While it may make things a bit easier when a dog in training is very food motivated, it is not a requirement to make positive-reinforcement training work! Reward-based training does not always have to equal treat-based training. A reward in training can be just about anything your dog enjoys- this can include, but is not limited to, physical affection, verbal praise, or play time. An exercise that may be helpful is to make a "Top 10 List" of things your dog enjoys... some examples may include "Having her ball thrown", "Being told Good Girl!", "Being invited onto the couch for a cuddle", or "Sniffing the flower patch next to our house". All of the things listed here could be used as a reward during training! Each dog's "Top 10 List" is different, so take the time to consider what your dog may have on hers, and then use her favorite things in lieu of treats during training!



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