



**Animal Welfare League**  
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY

**The Newsletter Of The Animal Welfare League | April 2023**

## **Round Of A Paws!**

March's Adoption Numbers Are In!



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**Cats**

113

**Dogs**

47

**Misc.**2

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## A Note From The Director

### Office Assistants

One of the very best benefits of working at the shelter is having an office assistant. My favorite assistants are our older canine residents. Today my office buddy is Hunter Lee. He came in as a stray way back in June 2022. He continues to wait patiently for his forever home. Before Hunter Lee, there was Zeus, another older boy whom his family gave up because of his age. Luckily, for Zeus, while it took 5 months, a wonderful family recently welcomed this sweet gentle giant into their family. These are the very best days.



Sometimes when I sit at my desk and I look into my friends' eyes, I wonder what they're thinking. Do they wonder why they're here and when the family they had so many years will come back to get them? Are they better off and more loved here with us?

Hunter Lee loves to ride in the car, so he often gets to go on the bank runs with me. When I crack the window open, he sticks his nose out and takes in all the new smells that he misses living in the shelter. Sometimes, when I watch him get excited on our drives, I wonder if he thinks I'm taking him back to his home. I wonder if we are driving right by the place where he lived for so many years, the place that was home. My heart hurts for him, and I give him extra pets while we ride down the road. Then, when we get to the drive through he knows he's going to get his bank treat. His eyes are so hopeful. He thinks it's a great day – he doesn't worry like I do. In The Villages, our older cats live together while they wait for their forever home. One of our boys, Asa, was adopted years ago, but returned as a stray and was never reclaimed. He has been waiting for a new home since November. I went to visit Asa the other day, and he was so content just to lay there while I stroked his soft fur. He seemed happy with that little bit of attention.



Many times people are hesitant to adopt a shelter animal because they worry about the training involved or about the time that it will take for them to acclimate to a new home. This is where the seniors are perfect. They've been around the block and have spent many years in a home. Most of them are house/litter trained – they're practically turnkey!!! Don't want to spend hours housetraining? Senior! Don't want to go jogging several times a day? Senior! Want a lap cat that is perfectly content spending time with you on the couch or in your chair? Senior! The only one happier than your new senior pet will be you, knowing that you truly saved one of the most deserving.

Senior adoption fees are at a reduced rate. Please stop in to meet Hunter Lee, Asa, or any of our other older adoptables. Your new best friend is waiting.

Kris Steffens - Executive Director



# EVENTS

AWL participates in different events all month long. Keep an eye on our Event Calendar to stay up-to-date with where we will be each day!

## AWL EVENTS

# DOCTALKS

Shelter Medicine with Christy Vernet, D.V.M.

Click the link to register for your chance to talk to Doc and find out more about how the shelter's medical team cares for the pets at AWL.

**April 8 from  
11AM-12PM**

**Register  
for  
DOCTALKS**





We have about 15 slots still open for our Cat only Microchip Event on April 11. Fill out a registration form by clicking the button below to reserve your spot today! The cost for chips is \$15 per cat with a limit of 2 cats per household.

[Register for Microchip](#)

**11AM-2PM April 15, 2023**

Pet Supplies Plus - Port Charlotte is our host pet store this month! We will have a few pups out on the 15th, and as always a cat or two.

In the meantime if you are looking for a cat, but can't make it to the shelter during normal business hours, you can stop by this store and check out the cats they have waiting for adoption. You can also check which cats are in this store by visiting our website, [AWLshelter.org/adoptable-cats](http://AWLshelter.org/adoptable-cats) .



2nd Annual  
**Two Wheels For Four Paws**  
 Bike Run

**April 16th**  
 \$10 per Bike  
 \$5 per Passenger

REGISTRATION BEGINS 10AM AT  
**Portside Tavern**  
 KICKSTANDS UP 12 NOON  
**Celtic Ray**  
 KICKSTANDS UP 1:30PM  
 last stop To **Moose 2121**

**Raffles Food**  
**Live Music 50/50**





## Two Wheels for Four Paws - 2nd Annual Bike Run

Do you own a Bike?  
 Need something fun to do on a Sunday?

We will have adoptable dogs on site at each location, and there are donation drop-off sites all over Charlotte County. Please visit our Facebook Event page for more information.

[EVENT PAGE](#)

**Deep Creek Elementary @ Gilchrest Park**



**April 21 4-7PM**

Join us for a evening in the park with one of our favorite elementary schools in Charlotte County, Deep Creek Elementary. We'll have a few pooches on-site that would love to meet you and your family. For more information you can check out their [Facebook page](#).



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## Saturday On The Lawn



The last Saturday of the month is our favorite day of the month! This "No Appointment Needed" event is a great way for you to come see all the available pets in the shelter. The dogs will be out and about, but we'll keep the cats and small animals inside :)

[SOTL EVENT PAGE](#)

thank  you 

We want to send a big THANK YOU to the leadership Class of 2022 for the Glow Gala fundraiser! Because of their efforts we are able to start renovations on our "Real Life Room" that will help us improve the mental health of some of our long term and extra stressed dogs. This room was designed to help simulate a real living area that a pup may experience in a home. This helps with acclimation into new situations and give our staff and volunteers a comfortable place to interact with the dogs in "real life" setting. Since hurricane Ian the room has been used for extra storage for all of

the wonderful donations we received during that time. We can't wait to get the room back to what it should be used for and we'll keep you updated on our progress!



## PETS OF THE MONTH

### Meet Tapper

Tapper has been with the shelter since December of 2022. He is a "Senior" at the ripe ol' age of 7 and he is heartworm positive. But don't let that discourage you. AWL covers all of Tappers treatments until he is heartworm free!!! He was brought to us as a stray so we don't have a lot of history on this strong, but gentle boy. If you would like to give Tapper a chance at a new furever home please give AWL a call.



TAPPER

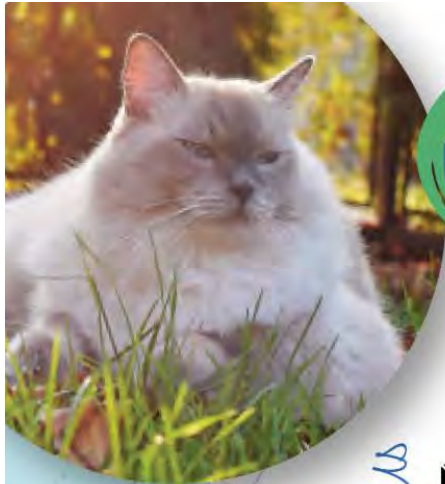




## King George

I'm a super sweet loving boy. I get along with other cats and am pretty chill. My only flaw is I'm diabetic! But that only means I need a little extra care ( which a king should be getting anyways!) I know I would make the perfect cat/ king of your house if you give me a chance!

Pre-Adoption Application



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### Mission Statement

The loss of a family pet can be a tremendously emotional time. With this in mind, we strive to help you remember and honor the memory of your lost companion in a meaningful way. We provide complete, affordable, and stress-free professional cremation services and support as part of AWL's overall mission to care for the pets and pet owners.

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