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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

To Our Peggy Adams Community,

It is a privilege to write to you for the first time as Chief Executive Officer of Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League. While this role is new, my connection to this organization is not. For more than five years, I have had the honor of serving as our Director of Veterinary Medicine, overseeing our medical and Safety Net operations while working alongside our dedicated staff, volunteers, donors, and supporters to advance our mission of helping animals and the people who love them.

As we begin this next chapter, I am filled with optimism for the future. Building on the strong foundation established over the past century, we remain committed to providing compassionate care, innovative programs, and lifesaving services that strengthen the bond between pets and their families. Together, we will continue to expand our impact and ensure that more animals receive the care, shelter, and second chances they deserve.

This summer issue highlights the many ways our community comes together to make a difference. From Juliana Maria's inspiring journey and heartwarming adoption stories to summer pet safety tips and exciting new training programs, you'll see how Peggy Adams supports pets and families at every stage of life.

Whether you're considering adoption, looking to volunteer, attending an event, or simply stopping by to say hello, I encourage you to visit our campus and see the impact of your support firsthand. Thank you for being an important part of our mission and helping us create brighter futures for animals in need.

Looking forward
to our next
Spay Day!

With gratitude,

Dr. Alyssa Comroe

Dr. Alyssa Comroe
Chief Executive Officer



2025 IMPACT REPORT

As we conclude our 100th year of serving animals and the people who love them, we are proud to celebrate the extraordinary impact made possible by our community of supporters, volunteers, adopters, and partners.

Read the report by scanning the QR Code or visiting

peggyadams.org/publications



Photo (top): Dr. Comroe with a patient at a Community Pet Clinic in partnership with The Soup Kitchen. (bottom) Dr. Comroe performing surgery as part of our triannual Spay Day events.



Juliana Maria

When Juliana Maria arrived at Peggy Adams, she was just five weeks old and weighed barely a pound. The tiny kitten had suffered severe trauma, leaving her leg broken and badly infected. To save her life, our veterinary team made the difficult decision to perform an amputation, even though she was much smaller than the patients we would typically place under anesthesia.

After a successful surgery and placement in foster care, Juliana Maria faced another challenge. She suddenly developed breathing difficulties, and diagnostic testing revealed a diaphragmatic hernia, a life-threatening condition requiring specialized surgery once again. Despite the risks, our veterinary team acted quickly and thanks to their dedication, Juliana Maria recovered

beautifully. By that afternoon, she was already playing and exploring.

After healing in her foster home, Juliana Maria was adopted! Today she is living with a loving family she deserves.

Stories like Juliana Maria's are only possible because of supporters like you. Thank you for making lifesaving care available to animals when they need it most.



When a critically injured animal arrives at Peggy Adams, there is no time to wait. From emergency surgeries to specialized medical care, your support ensures we can provide lifesaving treatment for the animals who need us most.

Donate today to help give pets like
Juliana Maria a second chance.
Scan or visit





HAPPY TAILS Spring Fundraiser

Our second annual spring fundraiser, **Happy Tails**, was a joyful end-of-season celebration held on **April 15, 2026**, at The Park West Palm Beach.

The evening transformed the stunning venue into a pet lover's paradise, complete with cocktails, a buffet dinner, breathtaking golf course views, and the event's most beloved guests of honor, 15 adoptable puppies and dogs.

Co-chaired by Mish Tworkowski and Hillary Thomas, alongside Junior Co-Chairs Payton Matthews and Ande Murray, the event welcomed **175 supporters** and raised more than **\$530,000** to support dogs and cats in need throughout Palm Beach County.



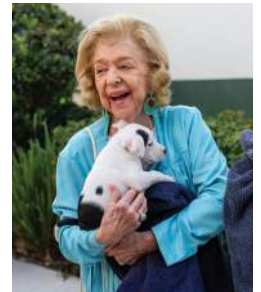
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for Happy Tails next Spring!
April 14, 2027
The Park West Palm Beach



Mish Tworkowski and Hillary Thomas



Dr. Alyssa Comroe and Pauline Pitt



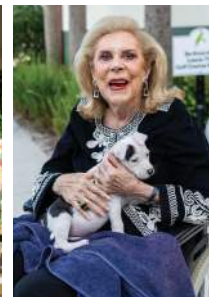
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HEAT AWARENESS

What Every Pet Owner Should Know

Florida summers are known for soaring temperatures and high humidity that can quickly become dangerous for pets. Dogs and cats are much more susceptible to heat-related illnesses than many people realize, making it important for pet owners to take extra precautions during the hottest months of the year.

Signs of Overheating in Dogs

Dogs are particularly vulnerable to heat-related illnesses because they primarily cool themselves by panting. Watch for these signs of overheating:

- ❖ Excessive panting or difficulty breathing
- ❖ Excessive drooling
- ❖ Bright red, pale, or tacky gums
- ❖ Lethargy or weakness
- ❖ Vomiting or diarrhea
- ❖ Disorientation or unsteadiness
- ❖ Collapse or loss of consciousness



Signs of Overheating in Cats

If your cat is overheating, they will do their best to tell you through various symptoms and behavior changes. Be alert for:

- ❖ Rapid or open-mouth breathing
- ❖ Vocalizing
- ❖ Restlessness or agitation
- ❖ Lethargy or weakness
- ❖ Drooling
- ❖ Vomiting
- ❖ Seeking out unusually cool surfaces or hiding places
- ❖ Disorientation, stumbling, or collapse in severe cases



If you notice any signs of overheating in your pet, move them to a cool area immediately, offer fresh water, and contact your veterinarian. Heatstroke is a medical emergency that requires prompt treatment.



Preventative Tips for

KEEPING PETS COOL



- ❖ **Avoid peak temperatures.** Walk dogs during the early morning or evening hours when temperatures are lower. Midday pavement can become hot enough to burn paw pads in seconds.
- ❖ **Test the pavement.** Place the back of your hand on the pavement for seven seconds. If it's too hot for your hand, it's too hot for your pet's paws.
- ❖ **Provide plenty of fresh water.** Make sure pets always have access to clean, cool water both indoors and outdoors.
- ❖ **Seek shade and air conditioning.** Limit outdoor time on extremely hot days and ensure pets have access to shaded areas or air-conditioned spaces.
- ❖ **Never leave a pet in a vehicle.** Even with windows cracked, temperatures inside a car can rise to dangerous levels within minutes.
- ❖ **Watch high-risk pets closely.** Senior pets, puppies and kittens, overweight animals, and flat-faced breeds such as Bulldogs, Pugs, and Persian cats are especially vulnerable to heat-related illnesses.

With a little extra awareness and planning, pet owners can help ensure their furry family members stay safe, healthy, and happy all summer long. When temperatures rise, remember:
if it's too hot for you, it's probably too hot for your pet too.



Supporting Pet Families Through the **LAST LITTER PROGRAM**

At Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, we believe in supporting pet owners with compassion and understanding. Life happens, and unexpected litters can be overwhelming. Our **Last Litter Program** is designed to help families in our community while also reducing the number of unwanted animals entering shelters.

Through this program, families who find themselves caring for an unexpected litter of puppies or kittens can bring them to Peggy Adams for care. We provide **FREE spay/neuter services** for the mother and father, along with vaccines and a microchip to help keep them safe. When the litter reaches eight weeks old they are welcomed into our care, where they receive medical attention, socialization, and daily care until they are ready for adoption.

This approach ensures every animal receives the care they need while preventing future unplanned litters. It's simple: you keep the parents, and we take care of the puppies or kittens until they are ready for adoption. **No judgment, just help.**



Moon and Her Puppies

While not every mother and litter arrives through the Last Litter Program, every animal who comes through our doors receives the same level of compassionate care and attention. A recent example of this is Momma Moon.

Moon came to Peggy Adams through a transfer from another shelter, arriving with her litter in need of a safe and nurturing place to grow. She was placed into a loving foster home, where she was able to raise her puppies in comfort and security.

Moon and her puppies have all been adopted, each one given the opportunity for a fresh start and a loving home.

Accessible Care, Lasting Impact

In addition to the Last Litter Program, our wellness clinic offers a variety of accessible spay/neuter services to support pets and pet owners throughout our community, including:

- 🐾 **Low-cost spay and neuter surgery for cats and dogs**
- 🐾 **Free spay/neuter services for pit bull-type dogs through our Fix-A-Bull program**
- 🐾 **Free spay/neuter for community cats through regular TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return) appointments and annual Spay Day events**

Together, these services help reduce pet overpopulation and ensure more animals can live healthier, happier lives in loving homes.



**Ready to make an
appointment or learn more?**

Visit:

peggyadams.org/lastlitter

or email:

admissions@peggyadams.org



Training Today for a Lifetime of Success

Bringing a dog into your home is the beginning of a lifelong relationship built on trust, communication, and understanding. While many pet owners focus on providing food, toys, and veterinary care, training is one of the most important investments you can make in your dog's well-being and your bond together.

At Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, our Behavior and Training Program is designed to help dogs and their families build the skills needed for a happy, successful life together.

Because No Two Dogs Are Alike

Some dogs need help mastering basic manners, while others may struggle with leash pulling, jumping, excessive barking, fearfulness, or adjusting to a new home. Individual sessions focus on each pet's unique needs, providing personalized training and communication tools that help pets and their people build confidence and to succeed together.

Our individual offerings include:

- **Training Consultation** Great for families needing guidance on where to start with their pup.
- **One-On-One Training** Provides personalized, hands-on guidance. Each session includes assigned homework, and owners will receive a detailed training summary via email to support their dog's progress.
- **Zoomie Zone Course** Think of this class as an open gym for dogs! This training course gives an owner and their dog a safe, structured space to work on individual skills with one of our trainers.
- **Sniff Zone Course** A great fit for active dogs of all breeds and is particularly rewarding for working and herding breeds who enjoy having a job to do. This class promises a mix of mental and physical activities designed to challenge a dog's brain and body.

Putting Training into Practice with K9 Coaches Group Workshop

While individual training provides personalized attention, group classes offer something equally valuable: real-world learning opportunities.

Dogs don't live in isolation. They encounter new people, unfamiliar environments, and other dogs every day. Group classes provide a controlled setting where dogs can practice skills while learning to remain focused despite distractions. Training around other dogs and people helps reinforce behaviors in situations that more closely resemble everyday life.

Group classes also help dogs develop important life skills such as impulse control, confidence, and appropriate social behavior. These experiences can lead to better manners at home, more enjoyable walks, and less stress during everyday outings.

Ready to get started?

Explore Peggy Adams' **private training sessions** and **group classes** to find the right fit for you and your dog. Our experienced trainers are here to help every step of the way.
peggyadams.org/training

Looking for additional dog and cat resources?

We have a variety of free videos and digital guides addressing common behavior issues your new dog or cat may be struggling with.
peggyadams.org/behavior

HAPPY TAILS



MISSY Adopted 2014

I adopted Missy from Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League 12 years ago. She is the best thing that's ever happened to me. She saved my life when I adopted her. Now, she's 13 years old. She's an angel and truly my best friend."

- Fred R.



STUART Adopted 3/30/26

Stuart is definitely enjoying his new home. He is the king of afternoon naps in bed."

- Mason W.



CANNOLI Adopted 3/6/26

Cannoli, now known as Max, is living his best life. He is taking over the house, but we don't mind one bit. It's so much fun watching him grow through puppyhood. He's doing very well and has even learned some tricks!"

- David S.

SUMMER LOVIN' RESULTS

A record breaking
192 ADOPTIONS

in just a single day thanks to our amazing staff, volunteers, and sponsors! Summer Lovin' is one of two annual fee-waived days that allow us to clear out our shelter and make room for even more animals in need.



Thank you to our sponsors:



Peggy Adams Celebrates

JOANNE PELLECCIA Director of Development & Marketing

A valued member of Peggy Adams' leadership team for over 14 years, Joanne brings a distinctive combination of creative, scientific, and strategic expertise to her expanded role. Since joining Peggy Adams in 2012, she has played an instrumental role in strengthening fundraising operations, enhancing donor engagement, and advancing the organization's long-term growth.

Joanne initially joined the organization overseeing the donor database and managing its premier fundraising events. Through her data-driven approach and strong relationships with donors and Board leadership, she has helped elevate development initiatives across the organization. Today, she leads Peggy Adams' highest revenue-generating event, the annual Christmas Ball, which raised more than \$3 million last year to support our lifesaving animal welfare programs.

Originally from Northeast Pennsylvania, Joanne holds an Associate's degree in Commercial Art and a Bachelor's degree in Natural Sciences with a minor in Psychology. Her multidisciplinary

background informs her innovative approach to fundraising, donor stewardship, and marketing strategy.

Now, as Director of Development and Marketing, Joanne is excited to build upon Peggy Adams' century-long legacy while exploring new opportunities to engage supporters and expand the organization's impact. She looks forward to strengthening connections within the community and ensuring the resources needed to serve animals and families for generations to come.

“
Peggy Adams
has been a part of my
life for more than 14 years,
and I am honored to
step into this role at such
an exciting time in
our history.”

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VOLUNTEER 🐾 SPOTLIGHT

LAURA & HANS

For Laura and Hans, volunteering at Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League is a meaningful way to give back to both the animals and the community they love. Over the past year, Laura has served as a Surgical Sterilization Assistant, while Hans has dedicated his time to supporting our Animal Care team and helping care for shelter dogs.

Behind the scenes, Laura plays an important role in supporting our veterinary team by ensuring surgical instruments and equipment are properly sterilized, helping maintain the safe and clean environment essential for lifesaving procedures. Hans can often be found brightening the mornings of our shelter dogs during their daily walks and lending a helping hand during Spay Day events.

Together, Laura and Hans exemplify the compassion, generosity, and commitment that make our mission possible. We are so grateful for their dedication to the animals in our care and the countless ways they help create brighter futures for pets in our community. Thank you, Laura and Hans, for making a difference every day.



“ We love giving back to the community, especially the animals. The staff and volunteers are such wonderful people who share the same goal we do — always putting the animals first.”

Leave a Legacy of Compassion



August is National Make-A-Will Month, the perfect time to ensure your values live on for generations to come.

By including Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League in your estate plans, you can create a lasting impact for animals in need while continuing your commitment to their care and well-being.

A gift in your will costs nothing today but can help provide shelter, medical care, and second chances for countless animals in the future.

Learn more at
peggyadams.org/plannedgiving
or call 561.472.8849



SPAY DAY: BEHIND THE SCENES

We are hosting our 10th Spay Day on August 15, a lifesaving community effort dedicated to reducing pet overpopulation and improving the lives of community cats throughout Palm Beach County. The event itself occurs over just one day, but the impact is tremendous; preventing thousands of future kittens from entering shelters each year.

Our Spay Day events are made possible by an extraordinary team of more than 150 volunteers, veterinarians, and staff, plus the countless trappers and community members who bring in the cats. From university partners who bring students to gain hands-on experience to generous sponsors who help care for our team throughout the day, every Spay Day is powered by collaboration, compassion, and community support.

As part of our growing **South Florida Spay Day Initiative**, Peggy Adams now partners with animal welfare organizations across the region to expand access to TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return) services and increase our collective impact.

But what does Spay Day look like from a cat's perspective? Here's a look at the journey each community cat takes through our care.

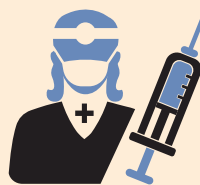


THE CAT'S JOURNEY



CHECK IN

Cats arrive safely in humane traps where they are weighed and labeled.



HOLDING ROOM

Cats receive anesthesia and are carefully monitored while being prepped for surgery.

SPAY/NEUTER SURGERY

A veterinarian performs the surgery and administers the rabies vaccine and microchip.



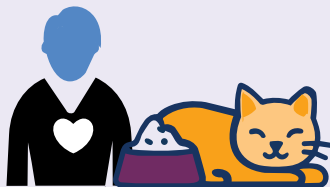
POST-OP

Cats receive pain medication, flea treatment, FVRCP vaccine, and left ear tip.



RETURN TO TRAPS

Cats are returned to their cleaned, labeled trap and their medical records are gathered for data entry.



RECOVERY

Cats are closely monitored by volunteers with heat support and wet food ready for when they wake up.



PICK UP & RETURN

Cats are reunited with their trappers and returned to their outdoor homes the following day.

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY CATS!

Do you have free-roaming cats in your neighborhood that need to be spayed or neutered?

Register for our **August 15 Spay Day** (walk-ins are welcome!) or schedule one of our free weekly TNVR appointments to help improve the lives of cats in your community. Learn more at peggyadams.org/TNVR



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