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DONATE A BED TO A HOMELESS PET TODAY



Hernando County Animal Services is in need of beds for the homeless dogs staying at the shelter. If you have ever wondered what you can do to help, this is a gift that keeps on giving for years to come and will help many animals. We only need 58 beds to have a bed in every dog kennel. Please visit Kurandabeds.com for more information on donating a bed.

Short on cash? Animal Services also needs used towels, sheets, and lightweight blankets for bedding and cleaning. Hand towels are great for the cat cages. If you have any used items that are still in good condition we would love to have them.

Thank you for your love of animals and your generosity this holiday season.

PLEASE HELP THE ANIMALS

All animals brought to Animal Services need your help. For their winter comfort, please donate:

Blankets

Towels, sheets, and light blankets

Carriers for dogs and cats

We can also use bleach, laundry and dish soap, and canned dog food (the loaf, not chunks).

The animals thank you for helping!



[Hernando County Animal Services](http://www.kuranda.com/donate/7034)
www.kuranda.com/donate/7034

Our
Dogs Deserve
a Soft, Dry Bed



Much more comfortable than a concrete floor, these beds encourage happier, healthier, and more relaxed dogs. They make cleaning a lot easier too. Our goal is to have a Kuranda Dog Bed for every dog. Please help us provide them with a good night's sleep.

DONATE A KURANDA BED

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...and make a shelter dog smile!

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PET SITTERS

Planning to go away? Business trip? Vacation? Need someone to walk your dog or feed your cat while you are away? You have exhausted your neighbors' good natured offers, so, now what?

First, check with your vet. Most vet offices have a bulletin board where local sitters post business cards. Always speak with your vet about these people: does he know them, their pets, where they live and how professional and responsible they are.

If you are not comfortable with any of these pet sitters, check the phone book. You may find sitters who will come to your home or care for your pets in their home.

If these suggestions do not work, then go to your computer and type in "professional pet sitters in Florida". All you need to do is put in your zip code and, VOILA! The sitters are listed by their mileage location near your zip code. Interview as many as you want and ask lots of questions. Make sure they are insured and bonded just in case something happens to your pets, house or property. Ask for references and contact them for more information.

When you return from vacation, check out the Dixie Hemingway Mystery Book Series by Blaize Clement, out of St. Martin's Press. Dixie, a former police woman, becomes a professional pet sitter in Sarasota, FL and the fun, and murders, begin.

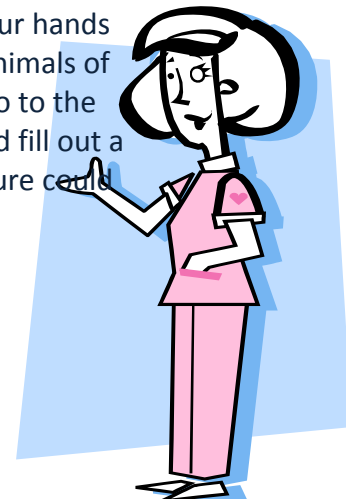
OUR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

HCAS held a volunteer orientation on October 27, 2011 and welcomed seven new volunteers.

These volunteers cover hours all week long to assist the staff and the public. They are already working as rescue coordinators, calling rescues to notify them of adoptable dogs and cats; lost and found advocates, doing follow up calls; pet adoption advocates, showing prospective adopters our many animals; pet photographers, taking pictures for the website; and kennel workers, helping to clean the facility.

HCAS hopes to expand the volunteer program in the future to include walking dogs, grooming dogs and cats, playing with and socializing the adoptable animals, attending events as representatives to hand out brochures and answer questions.

If you have some time on your hands and would like to help the animals of Hernando County, Please go to the Hernando County website and fill out a volunteer application. We sure could use your help!



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ANIMAL SERVICES WELCOMES RESCUES

On October 19, 2011, Hernando County Animal Services hosted it's first rescue open house. HCAS opened its doors to all 501(c)3 non-profit animal rescues, including umbrella rescue groups, and people who foster for the main rescues. We welcomed 25 people representing 11 different rescue groups.

The event kicked off a new effort to transfer more animals into rescue. Although Animal Services has always worked with rescue groups, we saw this as an opportunity to attract more rescues to work with our shelter so that the number of animals euthanized will decrease.

In order to begin pulling animals, the rescues presented proof of their 501(c)3 and veterinary references. They filled out and signed an agreement with HCAS, toured the facility, met the staff and enjoyed a brief social time with refreshments where they asked questions and discussed ideas on both the facility and procedures as well as what the future holds for finding homes for animals.

This event has already proven to be a success as the number of animals sent to rescues has increased tremendously. Each week, pictures of the adoptable animals are put on the shelter website at www.hernandocounty.us/code/animal and on Facebook at Friends of Hernando County Animal Control. The facebook site is run by private citizens and is not monitored by staff. HCAS has had a very positive response by rescues which have viewed the site and come in to take dogs, puppies, cats and kittens for adoption.

The word is spreading and hopefully we will continue to expand our program as more rescues join us. All of the staff of Animal Services, and especially the animals, thank the rescue groups for their efforts to help us save more animals.

Keep reading our newsletter for updates of the many changes at HCAS.

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DOG-GONE!

You may have read in the St. Pete Times in September, about a group of citizens in Wimauma, whose dogs have disappeared since January 2011. Their searches to find their beloved pets have been futile. We can all sympathize with the 35 plus owners because we know how much we love our own pets and the thought of finding them missing is a tragic one. All responsible pet owners must be on guard for their pets. They really are our “four legged children”. If you leave your pet outside in your yard, check on it frequently. Never leave a pet in a car. Always have a recent photo of your pet AND, have your pet tagged and microchipped!

If your pet does turn up missing, visit your local animal shelters and go to Save Our Pets Tampa Bay or visit [facebook.com/saveourpets](https://www.facebook.com/saveourpets).



ANIMAL SERVICES VEHICLE

Animal Services Officers use a specially equipped truck in the field. Hernando County has four. All trucks contain five kennel compartments with two lift boxes (back savers) for injured or large dogs. These boxes are cable controlled to lift the large metal containment cage off the ground for hand-guiding it into the kennel slot. The newer trucks have extended cabs.

All trucks are equipped with radios for constant communication with dispatch, spotlights and a cache of job related accessories: leashes, collars, muzzles, catch pole, cat traps and transport cages.

These trucks are self-contained vehicles made for the safety and welfare of the animals and are the largest tools used by the animal services officers.



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THE CHIHUAHU



Various canine historical accounts give different time periods for the Chihuahua.

Some come from cave and monastery drawings, glyphs, dating back to the 5th and 9th centuries AD. These glyphs, found near Mexico City, depict a “full-head view and a picture of an entire dog” that resemble today’s Chihuahua. Another theory states the breed originated on the island of Malta in the Mediterranean. A picture appears on the ceiling in the Sistine Chapel depicting a boy holding a dog that looks like a Chihuahua. The fresco was completed 10 years before Columbus sailed to the New World; therefore, he could not have brought back an example of the breed.

In Mexico, the rich Aztecs deemed the breed, a cross between “the Techichi and a hairless dog brought from Asia,” sacred. The common people ate them. The dogs were cremated with their owners to help the souls travel in the next world. They also believed that the dual cremation would remove all the sins from the owners’ souls.

Today’s Chihuahua, recognized by the AKC in 1904, should not be over 6lbs. They come with smooth/short coats or long coats and are graceful and alert. The breed can be at risk for hypoglycemia, low blood sugar. A Chihuahua life span can be 10-17 years.

Because of their compactness, they are great companion dogs and very portable.
(Wikipedia)



CODE ENFORCEMENT TIP

Chapter 14 Garbage, Trash and Refuse
Article 11 Solid Waste, (e)



Keeping your property clean-good curb appeal-is the responsibility of the owner/occupant. Remember, the street/road view of your property involves the entire neighborhood. Keep the scene clean, and the view new!

“(e) All garbage, offal, and trash shall be removed to an approved sanitary landfill or other permitted disposal site at sufficient frequency to prevent a sanitary nuisance. In no case shall garbage be removed less than once per week. Such removal shall be at the expense of the owner and/or occupant of the premises either by a franchised collection service or by the owner or occupant.”



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ANIMAL SERVICES SPOTLIGHT OFFICER

Cathy Evans, a 22 yr. veteran of Animal Services, also has 4 plus years experience as a Veterinary Technician.

Officer Evans' love and respect for animals shows every minute on the job. She leads a diligent staff of three kennel staff who not only scrub, sanitize and clean pens, but also feed and water animals giving a soothing word and gentle pat to each one as they work their way down the rows of pens.

Her busy day starts at 6:00a.m. as she personally feeds and inspects each animal learning as much as she can about it. She sets up schedules, oversees the often interrupted routines and talks with and advises prospective dog and cat owners, explaining breeds and suggesting possible solutions to a digging or barking problem. Her years in the field as an Animal Control Officer, Senior Field Officer/Supervisor, and now a Senior Kennel Officer have given her a lengthy catalogue of information from which to draw.

Officer Evans loves her job and wishes the negative public image of Animal Services would disperse because her aim, along with the entire staff's, is to find a forever home for each and every animal under their care.



CODE ENFORCEMENT SPOTLIGHT OFFICER

Officer Joe Filippelli has served Hernando County for 15 years, 10 of them with Code Enforcement. For the first five years, he was a Utilities Dept. Tech I in charge of a four man team. He states that he was "going into law enforcement when he detoured into Code Enforcement."

Officer Joe is a Florida State certified firefighter and fire inspector. He is Florida certified Level I & II for Florida Association Code Enforcement (FACE) One can train up to five levels.

He enjoys his job and states that he is "cleaning up the community where I live." His workday typically starts with meetings, a review of inspection appointments and phonecalls to line up the day. Then he is out in the field to meet the public and inspect their premises and projects. He has a well-skilled and friendly approach while addressing citizens. Officer Joe, as well as every Code Enforcement Officer, is extremely attentive to safety while investigating complaints and requests.

Officer Filippelli would like to see residents really "get involved" in respecting their property.



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December is

REHOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Hernando County Animal Services has partnered with PetLuv Spay & Neuter Clinic to offer a great deal to try to get our shelter pets into forever homes!

Included in the adoption fee is initial vaccinations, a 1-yr rabies vaccination, 1-year animal license, and spay or neuter

DOGS

\$25 adoption fee + \$25
sterilization deposit =

\$50

CATS

\$20 adoption fee + \$20
sterilization deposit =

\$40



Come find your new pet today at
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Monday: 10:30am – 5:30pm
Tuesday – Friday: 9:30am – 4:30pm



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Here are just some of the pets available for adoption at Hernando County Animal Services



Duffy came into our shelter on October 16th with a severely inbedded collar. Thanks to the great staff at Animal Medical Clinic, the collar was removed and the wound was treated, and he is now ready to go into a loving home. He is heartworm positive, but we have a volunteer willing to sponsor the treatments. He is very good natured and friendly, and loves people.

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Gracie 1011240



Gracie is a beautiful 1 year old girl that is fully grown, very quiet in her kennel, and already knows basic commands. We think she would be easy to train because she is so eager to please. She would not go well with a family that has any smaller dogs.

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If Caspers loving disposition doesn't make your heart melt, then one look at his adorable flopped over ears will. Casper is a big lover that would make a great companion animal. He is approximately 3 months old. He has been dewormed and vaccinated with DA2PP.

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Rosie is a nice, calm dog. She is approximately 9 months old. She has a very sweet disposition. She was sick with an upper respiratory infection when she came in, but has been treated and recovered well.

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COMING SOON

ANIMAL SERVICES FACEBOOK PAGE

AND

VOLUNTEER DOG WALKING PROGRAM



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CALLING ALL ANIMAL LOVERS

Enjoy Animals?

Want to Help the Community?

VOLUNTEER AT ANIMAL SERVICES

If you are interested in helping to save animals and have the time to donate, there are openings for:

- Rescue Coordinators
- Lost & Found Advocates
- Pet Adoption Advocates
- Pet Photographers

Please visit the County's website at:
<http://www.hernandocounty.us/cr/volunteer.htm>

to complete a volunteer application,
or contact us at (352)796-5062 for more info

***Volunteers may be subject to background checks and fingerprinting**