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The BEAGLE



The Beagle has a history going back to the 5th Century B.C. They were hunters then and are still today. Edward II, Henry VII and Elizabeth I owned pocket or glove beagles, so-called because they fit in a pocket or on a glove. Beagles were brought to the U.S. in the 1840's strictly for hunting.

The word, "beagle" is probably from the French, "begueule" "the bayer" or "beugler" "to bellow".

Today, Beagles come in 13 and 15 inch varieties. They have a smooth domed skull, square cut muzzle and "gumdrop" nose, large hazel or brown eyes with a "pleading hound look", a smooth, hard coat with a "flag tail"-a white tip, which stays upright while active. Although a tri-color is usual, any "hound color" can occur.



The sense of smell is very well-developed. As part of a scenting abilities project, a mouse was placed in a one acre sq. field and each dog was timed as to how long it took to find it. Beagles took less than a minute; Fox Terriers took 15 min and Scottish Terriers failed to find it. Beagles are ground-scenters.



Beagles are even tempered with a gentle disposition, intelligent but single-minded and determined. They are excellent with children and get along well with other dogs. They do not tire easily and have a life span of 10-13 yrs.

The down side traits are: possible ear problems; epilepsy, which can be controlled with medicine and a form of arthritis affecting the joints.

Overall, they can be very good family dogs. (Wikipedia)

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A note from Dog Town:
"Spaying one dog can
save 4,000 puppies in 5
years."



Why should you
spay and neuter
your pets?

Spaying or Neutering Benefits You & Your Pet:

- Reduces the Risk of Breast Cancer in females
- Reduces male genital health problems
- Reduces the risk of prostate cancer
- Eliminated Uterine diseases and cancer
- Eliminates the heat cycle
- Ends Crying
- Stops the Bloody discharge
- Stops unwelcome visits from "suitors"
- Stops the mating drive
- Reduces the urge to roam
- Reduces mounting
- Reduces spraying



A note from PetLuv: "Two uncontrolled breeding cats, plus all their kittens, can produce an estimated 67,000 offspring in 6 years."

A note from The Humane Society of the U.S., Washington D.C.: "The sad fact is, that only one kitten in five will live. The others will die of disease, abuse, neglect or simply because no homes exist for them. Every litter, planned or accidental, causes pet over-population."



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ONE BITE AT A TIME

If your pet is involved in a bite and does not have a current rabies vaccination, the Health Department requires the pet to be quarantined at Animal Services for TEN DAYS from the date of the bite. At the end of quarantine period, your pet cannot be released to you until it is vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian and you pay the fees for boarding and licensing.

The total estimated cost to a pet owner is \$195-\$300. Avoid this cost and stress on your animal with an inexpensive rabies vaccine. Please call your veterinarian to schedule today or call 796-5062 for a referral to a low cost clinic.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA REVIEW

June 26, 2011 marked the start of the 5 day review of Hernando County Animal Services by Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program from the University of Florida. A nine member team of veterinary medicine professionals toured and evaluated the site.

Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program was founded and funded by Dave and Cheryl Duffield after they said goodbye to Maddie, their beloved 10 yr. old Miniature Schnauzer. Since then, they have endowed Maddie's Fund with more than \$300 million and have spent \$71.5 million to save shelter pets' lives.

The review consisted of walk- thrus, meetings, interviews both group and one-on-one, a great deal of discussion on their site inspection, observed procedures and interviews. The report should be completed in one month.



A SAD SIGN OF THE TIMES!

In today's world, everyone, in some way, is experiencing hard times. Some can still afford to keep and maintain their pets. Others, sadly, cannot!

Many shelters are full to capacity and because of this crisis people must use their wits and connections to find good, safe homes for the pets they simply can no longer keep. Sometimes, even, abandoning a dog or cat sounds like a good idea. It is not! (Dead animal pickup on roads in the county, from Jan 1-May 27, went from 27 in 2010 to 54 in 2011.) Often, domestic pets do not know how to handle the outdoors.)

Please, if you have run out of options for your pets, bring them to HCAS. If you surrender your pet (no surrender fee), your dog or cat will be evaluated for adoption. If deemed adoptable, the animal will be kenneled for the public to view. It is amazing how many people walk through our doors every week looking for a pet to love.

PLEASE DO NOT ABANDON YOUR PET!

Contact us at (352) 796-5062 or visit us at 19450 Oliver Street, Brooksville, FL (behind the fairgrounds).



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OFFICER SPOTLIGHT



Animal Services Officer Michael Steele has been with HCAS first, as a kennel worker for 5 years and then, after completing his certification, became an Officer in October 2010.

Officer Steele was raised on a small farm where his parents bred greyhounds and raised farm animals. His love for all animals began early in his life.

He enjoys his job as an HCAS officer because he works with people and he really wants to help their relationships with their pets and the community. He approaches his interactions with the public with “empathy not sympathy” because as an officer, he must listen and observe objectively while upholding the laws for both humans and animals. He performs this tricky balance with professionalism every day on the road.

He says he has cultivated “patience” on the job and believes with more public education about animals and their rights, that many of the problems he investigates would have never happened and would eventually disappear from his daily patrol.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT NEWS

EFFECTIVE MAY 10, 2011-NOVEMBER 2011- WATERING SCHEDULE

**EVEN ADDRESSES:
THURSDAY and/or SUNDAY**

**ODD ADDRESSES:
WEDNESDAY and/or SATURDAY**

**NO ADDRESS (COMMON AREAS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, ETC.):
TUESDAY and/or FRIDAY**

WATER BEFORE 10:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m.



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With 9 years of service in Code Enforcement, Officer Carol Enders, is a veteran in her job!

Officer Enders worked 2 years as a court clerk and 9 years as a probation officer. Also, her training as a para-legal and 4 levels of code enforcement certification gives her a broad spectrum of knowledge to handle the many cases every day.

She believes in educating the public on codes which will, ultimately, improve the community. Checking ordinances before answering questions and answering questions accurately and consistently, proves her professionalism when dealing with individuals.

Officer Enders enjoys working with the other dedicated employees and, in spite of the budgetary constraints, hopes more officers can be hired for they are sorely needed.

Officer Enders offers advice: "Make inquiries regarding permit requirements prior to beginning a project."