

Special Edition: Project Pet

# NEWSLETTER

## October Pet Wellness, Adopt-a-Pet Month

*How to provide a healthy home for your pet*



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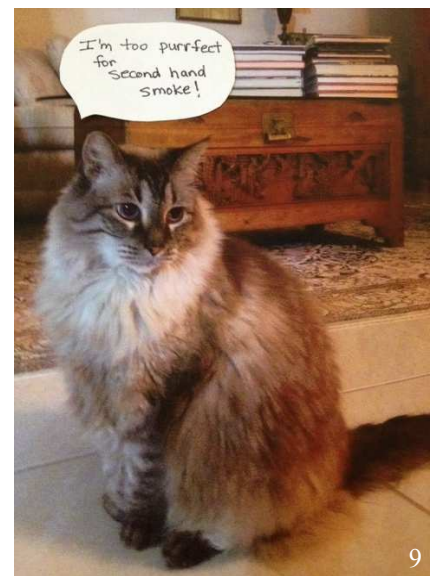
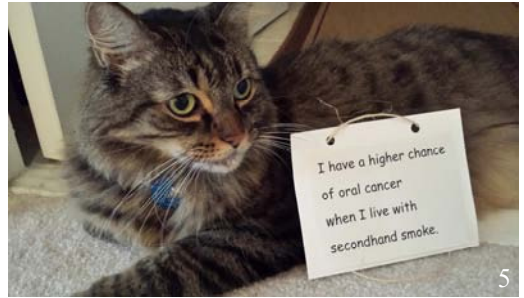
October marks two very important national holidays: Pet Wellness and Adopt-a-Pet Month.

In honor of these holidays, the Tobacco Free Partnership of Palm Beach County reached out to friends of the partnership in support of increasing awareness about the importance of smoke-free housing and protecting our pets from secondhand smoke and nicotine ingestion.

Inside you will find an article about how dangerous tobacco and its by-products are to our pets.

The Tobacco Free Partnership of Palm Beach County also partnered with several no-kill rescue shelters to promote the value of adopting a pet and bringing them into a safe and loving non-toxic environment.

Enjoy finding out why our pets love their smoke-free home and just how excited they are to be adopted into your family.







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## NICOTINE, SECONDHAND SMOKE TOXIC TO PETS

Written by Mary Echols, DVM

You have probably heard that people who smoke are more likely to get certain types of cancer and other diseases, but did you know that the same is true for the pets of smokers?

Pets get a bigger dose of chemicals from secondhand than you might think. Living in a smoker's home pets not only inhale smoke, they also eat it every day when they groom the residue from the smoke off their fur or feathers.

Research has shown that dogs living in a smoking environment are significantly more likely to develop nasal or lung cancer. Long-nosed breed of dogs are more than twice as likely to get nasal cancers while shorter or medium-nosed dogs show higher rates of lung cancer. Unfortunately, dogs affected with nasal cancer usually do not survive more than one year.

Cats, being meticulous groomers, are constantly exposing their mouths and bodies to the toxins of cigarette smoke as they lick their fur. As a

result, cats that live with smokers are more than twice as likely to develop cancer of the mouth or malignant lymphoma.

In addition to the increased cancer risks, the nicotine in tobacco and related products can prove deadly to curious pets. They can become very sick if they eat cigarette butts, nicotine gum or patches, and may require immediate emergency veterinary treatment.

Your pets depend on you for a safe environment. Don't let them down. Make your home tobacco free!

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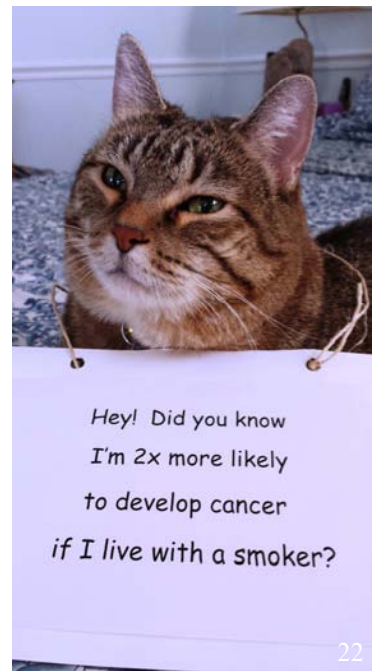
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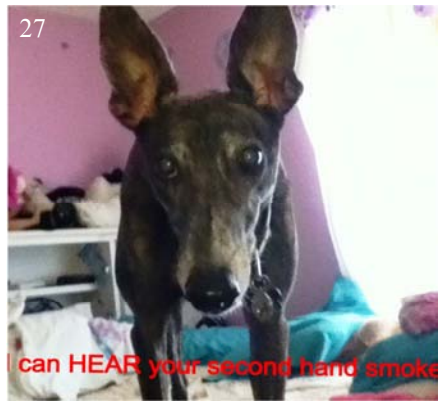
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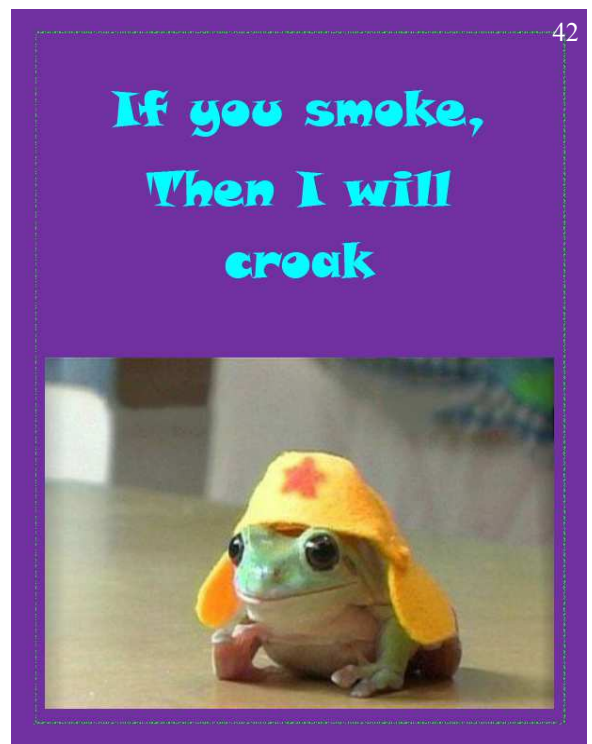
























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Big Dog Ranch Rescue provides shelter, care and affection to homeless dogs of all breeds. Many of the dogs at Big Dog Ranch Rescue are saved from local shelters, where they faced euthanasia for treatable illnesses or injuries, or simply because there was no space for them.

Once at the ranch, the dogs receive quality medical care, nutritious food, love and attention from dedicated staff and volunteers. Many of the dogs require medical rehabilitation from their injuries, illnesses and, all too often, from abuse and neglect that they have endured. At Big Dog Ranch Rescue, dedicated staff and volunteers tend to their wounds and nurture their souls until each dog finds the loving home it deserves. As the largest no-kill dog rescue in Florida, Big Dog Ranch Res-

cue saves the lives of more than 2,000 dogs each year.

Realizing that we must educate the next generation of pet owners, Big Dog Ranch Rescue promotes animal welfare and celebrates the special bond between dogs and people through education, outreach, awareness, and community engagements. Big Dog Ranch Rescue is active in our community, visiting public and private schools to educate children on the importance of spaying/neutering and stopping animal cruelty.

Big Dog Ranch Rescue is committed to our mission knowing that with each step we take, a life is saved and our community becomes a better place for everyone.







# Peggy Adams ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE

Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League is committed to finding loving homes for all animals that enter through our doors. Our Vision is to create a community where 100% of the adoptable animals find loving homes and no animals will be euthanized because of pet overpopulation.

Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, also known as the Humane Society of the Palm Beaches, provides services to over 30,000 cats, dogs, puppies and kittens each year. Operating continuously since 1925, we have been positively impacting animal welfare and addressing overpopulation in Palm Beach County through a variety of services. Such services include:

- Dog and Cat Adoptions
- Affordable Spay/Neuter Service
- Vaccine Clinic
- Helping Homes Foster Program
- Senior to Senior Adoptions
- Lost and Found
- Sheltering and Protection

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- Berman Pet Columbarium/ Mausoleum
- PetMobile Community Outreach
- Animal Training

Every lost, homeless, unwanted animal is greeted with love upon arrival at our state of the art facility. We prepare them for a new forever home with medical services, including spay/neuter operations, frequent exercise, and if needed, behavior training.

Our Adoption Coordinators carefully screen each perspective family and try to make the best match possible. Our goal is to help families find the perfect pet based on their personality, lifestyle and what they are looking for in a pet. Our process allows us to have one of the higher adoption success rates in the country.



Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, the Humane Society of the Palm Beaches, relies on the community to accomplish our mission. We do not receive any government funding or funding from local organizations with similar names. We rely solely on the generosity of individuals, foundations and corporations to provide quality programs and services to the community. All donations directly support the services and programs in place to help animals in need.

### Our Promise to the Animals

- Loving and Humane Care
- Quality of Life
- Life-long Loving Homes
- Spay/Neuter to Control Pet Overpopulation







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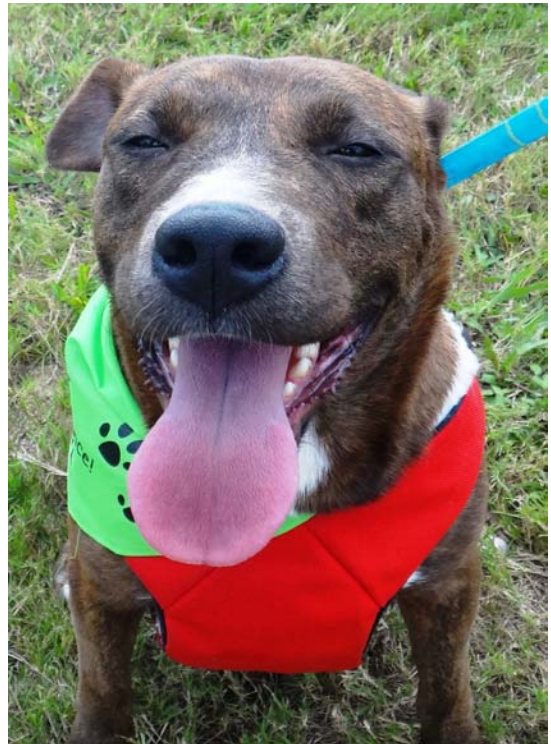
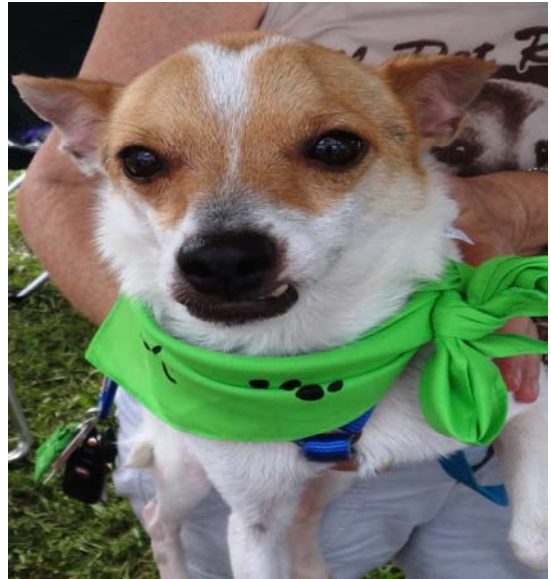
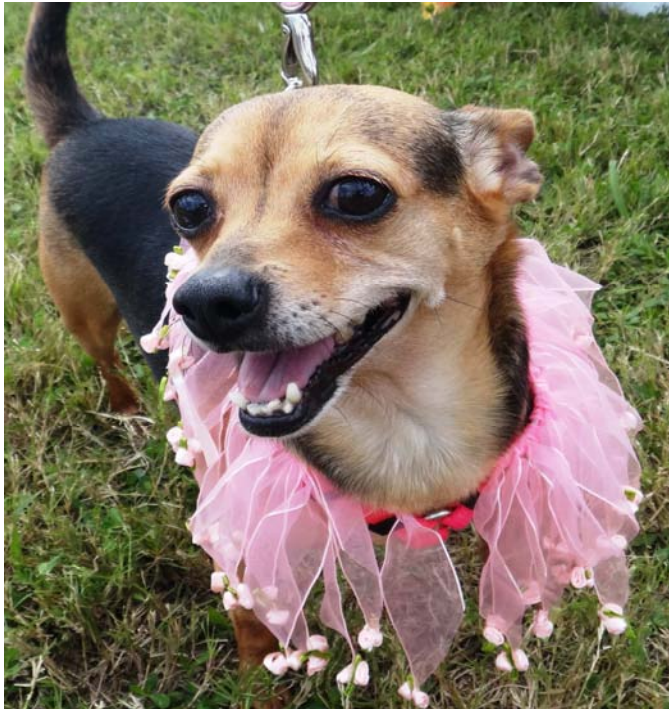


## *All Pet Rescue*

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4. Kuma, *Lee Keller & Christine Roh-Habib, Boynton Beach, FL*
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## About Us

# Tobacco Prevention and Policy Development Program

The **Tobacco Prevention and Policy Development Program** is administered locally in Palm Beach County at the Florida Department of Health. Our efforts focus on improving the health of Palm Beach County residents through policy and systems change. The work of our Program falls under four major goals:

- Preventing Initiation of Tobacco Products Among Youth and Young Adults
- Eliminating Secondhand Smoke Exposure
- Increasing Cessation
- Maintaining Infrastructure

The **Tobacco-Free Partnership of Palm Beach County** is a professional organization comprised of representatives from private and public agencies who collaborate to address tobacco prevention and control issues. The Partnership meets the second Tuesday of every month. If you are interested in joining the Tobacco-Free Partnership, please contact us at (561) 671-4094.

**Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT)** is the youth advocacy component of the program. There are currently 20 school-based chapters and five community-based chapters.

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