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From the President

Dear Members, Supporters and Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff members and particularly our homeless cats and dogs, I want to offer our heartfelt gratitude for the support you continue to provide. You are the ones that make the Safe Animal Shelter possible and we truly do appreciate it!

Many, many thanks to those of you who supported and/or attended our **16th Annual Auction & Dinner** held on Saturday, October 18th at the Eagle Harbor Swim Park. This is our most important fundraising event of the year and thanks to the extreme hard working efforts of Auction Chairperson Stacey Schomburger, we were able to raise over \$34,000. While it is short of what we had hoped for, we are grateful for what we received, particularly in the economically difficult times that we have all been experiencing lately.

The widening of County Road 220 is underway. Land has been cleared to the west of our facility to make room for a 19 acre retention pond. The land clearing totally exposed the west side of our entrance road and right up to the fence surrounding our dog play yards. This eliminated all the late afternoon shade that was provided by the trees

that were removed. Fortunately, an anonymous donor provided funding for extensions to our chain link fencing that provided shade cloth all along and at an angle up and over the play yards.

It is my understanding that County Road 220 will be widened from the intersection at College Drive to a few hundred feet west of the shelter entrance road. The two lane road will be divided by a median, like the already widened road east of College Drive. We had hoped for a lit intersection at Knight Boxx Rd. which would allow protected access to and from the shelter and the privately owned properties to the south of us. This could happen only if Clay County could acquire a small .18 acre triangle of property that would allow Knight Boxx Rd. to align safely with the utility easement. Unfortunately It doesn't look like this is going to happen.

Our website has been updated with a totally new look and feel. You can now make online donations using a credit card through Paypal without having to be a member of Paypal. You can also join our email list so you can be informed of future events and receive newsletters via email. You now have the ability to instantly view all of our current resident animals as soon as they are made available for viewing in our database. If you can see them listed,

they are in-house at the shelter. Take a look at www.safeanimalshelter.com.

Safe Animal Shelter History

The Safe Animal Shelter has operated as a "no kill" facility in Clay County since 1991 when it was formed to take over the animal shelter from the Clay County Humane Society when they made the decision to be strictly a low cost veterinary service and discontinue services as an animal shelter.

At Safe Animal Shelter, no animal is ever euthanized due to lack of space - only if it is suffering from a terminal medical condition or when quality of life is an issue. Over the years, Safe has placed literally thousands of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens into loving permanent homes.

"A Home Until They Find

Mission Statement

The Safe Animal Shelter is a not-for-profit "no kill" shelter. Our mission is to provide a temporary home for lost, abandoned, and abused dogs and cats in our area until a good permanent home can be found, and to help reduce the pet over population in our area.



EVERYDAY NEEDS...

DRY FOOD: Purina Kitten Chow, Cat Chow, Puppy Chow, Dog Chow

CANNED FOOD: Cats—Friskies Regular Ground Style (not sliced, diced, filets, or shredded): For Dogs: Ground Style for Mixing with Dry Food

CAT LITTER: Clay non clumping—we use 15-20 25# bags per week: Paws & Claws (green bag) at Tractor Supply, Special Kitty (red bag) at WalMart or Tidy Cat

BLEACH, & LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT

TRASH BAGS: (13, 30, 45, 55 gal
PAPER TOWELS & TOILET PAPER

MUCH APPRECIATED

Antibacterial Hand Soap & Lotion

Copy/Inkjet Paper: 20#, 90+ bright

HP INK : #21, #22, #74 & #75

GIFT CARDS: Staples, WalMart, Office Depot, Home Depot

ONE TIME NEED!

Tall Supply Cabinet



When children learn at a young age that homeless animals need their help, they are learning a lifelong lesson of caring. That is why the folks at Safe Animal Shelter had warm hearts the last week in October when three children appeared with donation cans and posters which they had made themselves and shared with their neighbors, walking door-to-door to gain donations for their canine and feline friends.

Angela Luca (age 8) and her neighbors Taylor (9) and Jack (10) presented \$60 in nickels, dimes, quarters and dollar bills which they had collected in their Eagle Harbor neighborhood to Shelter President Don Wright. The idea for the collection began with Taylor, which she quickly shared with her brother, Jack and new neighbor, Angela.

The children attend Thunderbolt Elementary School and worked for the animals after classes and on weekends. Hats off to these three caring children and Mom, Betty Luca, for coordinating their efforts.

OUR VETERINARIAN FRIENDS

If you need veterinary services for your new pet, we recommend using one of the following hospitals in Clay County. These veterinarians subsidize our mandatory spay/neuter program and offer discounts on services and medications necessary to care for animals in our shelter. Most of these hospitals also have a doctor who visits the shelter on a rotating basis to examine, diagnose and treat the animals.

OUR VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO

Affiliated Veterinary Specialists ~ All Animal Clinic ~ Black Creek Veterinary Hospital ~ Clay County Animal Hospital ~ Clay County Humane Society ~ Clay-Duval Pet ER ~ Clay-Duval Mobile Veterinary Service, P. A. ~ Creekside Animal Hospital ~ Doctor's Inlet Animal Hospital
~ Fleming Island Pet Clinic ~ Green Cove Animal Hospital ~ Maverick Animal Clinic ~ Orange Park Animal Hospital ~ Plantation Animal Hospital ~ Russell Road Animal Hospital ~ Wells Road Veterinary Medical Center ~ Willowdale Veterinary Center

AND...SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE GROOMERS, WORKING HARD TO MAKE OUR DOGS LOOK BEAUTIFUL AND READY TO GO HOME!

Barks A-Lot, Inc. ~ Dapper Dog ~ Dog House Grooming ~ Heads Over Tails ~ Pampered Pooches ~ Perfect Pet Salon

Children And Animals

Caring & responsible parents will influence their children to be responsible and caring pet owners of the future...



Repeat donors Rebecca Shepps, Emily Nichols & Amanda Shepps donated \$28 they had earned with lemonade stands and car washes.



Brooke Sensterwald presents Cattery Mgr. Laura Bardroff with \$150 earned by doing mowing lawns & babysitting. Brooke also volunteers at the shelter



The Safe Animal Shelter lost a good friend on June 12 with the passing of **Dr. Douglas C. McKee**. Dr. McKee, 82, owned and operated Orange Park Animal Hospital, the first veterinary practice to serve Clay County, opening its doors in 1982.

Soon thereafter, he helped found and organize the Clay County Humane Society and, when CCHS decided it could no longer provide shelter to homeless animals was instrumental in the formation of our no-kill Safe Animal Shelter in 1991.



A graduate of Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. McKee's dedication and insight will be sorely missed throughout Clay County's animal community.

New Fund Established

Safe Animal Shelter has started a Heartworm Fund for those donors who appreciate being able to target their donations for a specific need or purpose. Anyone having experienced heartworms before with a pet of their own are aware of the devastating effects heartworms can have.

Heartworm treatment is one of the shelter's largest veterinary expenses. Treatment costs depend on a dog's weight and can cost hundreds of dollars. Since Florida is so warm, it's easy for dogs to get this deadly disease; it's easily preventable but requires a monthly heartworm pill and annual test. Dogs coming into the shelter with heartworms are treated before they are released for adoption. Our adoption form on page 8 of this newsletter allows you to specify a special purpose for your gift.

T-Shirts: Just a reminder that the Shelter has a variety of t-shirts for sale in all sizes! The t-shirts are sold for \$15 (adult) or \$12 (child) and have the Shelter's name imprinted on the sleeve. A great gift for young and old alike!



Old Cell Phones Needed: Help the environment, and help our critters at the same time! Turn in your old cell phones to the Shelter and we will recycle them for much needed operating cash!

A Pets Ten Commandments:

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.
10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so. ALWAYS!

Take a moment today to thank God for your pets. Enjoy and take good care of them. Life would be a much duller, less joyful experience without God's critters. We do not have to wait for Heaven, to be surrounded by hope, love, and joyfulness. It is here on earth and has four legs!

"A pet's love is the only true love money can buy!
And... it lasts for a lifetime."



LOST OR FOUND A PET?



If you have lost or found a Cat or Dog you can call us to report it. We will be happy to search our lost or found logs to see if the animal you lost or found has been reported to us. If not, we will gather the information on the pet you lost or found and have it on record for future calls.

Each year we get dozens of lost and found animals back together with their owners & families. The service is free so don't hesitate to call.

Contact us at (904)276-7233 or send an email to patriciaobrien07@comcast.net Include a picture if you wish.

Auction 2008 Donors and Individual / Corporate Sponsors

16th Annual Auction & Dinner

Another Auction has past and it takes an extraordinary amount of planning and effort to put together a major event like our 16th Annual Auction & Dinner.

Our Auction Chairperson, **Stacey Schomburger** once again did an absolutely outstanding and commendable job, particularly since last year she took on the task without any previous experience with auctions. From piles of typed and handwritten notes she inherited from previous chairpersons last year, was able to organize and document all the steps to take to make future auction events easier to plan for and manage and made the jobs much easier for our many volunteers in preparation for them to "hit the streets" to solicit ads and items for our silent and live auctions and for telephone follow ups.

Stacey documented all donated auction items, dinner tickets sold, cash donations in a database for tracking and reporting purposes and to ensure we knew not only who, but what each individual or organization contributed to help Safe Animal Shelter in this major event.

And once again, she tackled the task of preparing the Auction Brochures in it's entirety. She hand prepared detailed descriptions for all the auction items and scanned and composed all of the graphics and ads.

Way To Go again, Stacey!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard with Stacey to make this important event a huge success. This hard work and effort brought in over **\$34,025** to help our animals !

Auction Item Donors

A Unique Boutique ~ A Worth Of Arth ~ A/C Tech Services ~ Ace Hardware ~ Active Fitness - Fleming Island ~ Adventure Landing ~ Alhambra Dinner Theatre ~ Amy's Family Cuts ~ Annabelle's Interiors, Inc. ~ Anonymous ~ Arlette's Place Home Decor & Gifts ~ Art Photo ~ Auto Buff's Car Wash/Quick Lube ~ AVON ~ Ballet Shop ~ Barks-A-Lot Grooming ~ Baxter's Wings & Things ~ Belks ~ Biscotti's ~ Bonnie Nuit ~ Build-A-Bear Workshop ~ Busch Gardens ~ C&S Furniture Restorations ~ Casa Monica Hotel ~ Casablanca Inn's Tini Martini Bar ~ Cedar River Seafood-Middleburg ~ Charless & George's Car Wash ~ Chic-Fil-A ~ Clay County Animal Hospital ~ Clay-Duval Mobile Veterinary Service ~ Cowford Trader's ~ Creative Images Photography ~ Creature Care Plus ~ Creekside Animal Hospital ~ Crovato & Edwards Dentistry ~ Cummins, Rebecca ~ Curves for Women ~ Curves For Women GCS ~ Custom Gift Baskets ~ Custom Pet Products ~ Dana's Place at the Cottage ~ Dapper Dog Grooming ~ Davidson, Elizabeth E. ~ Day Dream Heirlooms ~ Dietrich, Pauline ~ Dillard's ~ Dixon, Elizabeth ~ Dock Holiday Boat Rentals ~ Doctor's Inlet Animal Hospital ~ Dog House Grooming ~ Dukes Famous BBQ ~ Eagle Harbor At Fleming Island ~ Eagle Landing Golf Club/Oakleaf ~ Eco Tours ~ Eslick, Melissa ~ First Coast YMCA ~ Flagler Legacy Tours ~ Florida Sun Cats ~ Fountain Of Youth ~ Fowler, Suzanne ~ Fresh Market ~ Friends & Co. Salon, Inc. ~ Furniture Gallery ~ Gator Bowl Association ~ Goldberg Household ~ Golf Club at Amelia Island ~ Gottahaveit ~ Great Hangups Gallery & Framing ~ Hair Solutions ~ Hidden Hills Country Club ~ Hill's Pet Nutrition ~ Howard Johnson Inn - Orange Park ~ Hurricane Grill ~ Inches-A-Weigh ~ Island Smoothie ~ Isp Enterprises, Inc. ~ Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra ~ Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens ~ Jazzercise Of Clay County ~ Jiffy Lube, South Lubes, Inc. ~ Jon Ric Salon ~ Karen M. Basile, AP ~ Leonard, Mickey ~ Lifestyle Family Fitness ~ Lighthouse Salon & Day Spa ~ Lightner Museum ~ Lowry, Marshall and Lauren ~ Maggiemoos Ice Cream & Treatery ~ Majestic Pools ~ Marriott Courtyard ~ McAllister's ~ McDonalds - College Dr. ~ McGonigle LMT, Kim ~ Mellow Mushroom - Plantation Ctr. Dr. ~ Miller's Orange Park Ale Hosue ~ Moe's Southwest Grill - Fleming Island ~ Mojo Smoke House ~ Nau Household ~ Nettuno, Coral ~ O'Charleys, Inc. ~ Odum, Vicki ~ Offley, Janet ~ Old Town Trolley Tour ~ Open Road Bicycles ~ Orange Park Florist ~ Paint On Pottery ~ Pampered Pets ~ Paradise Nursery ~ Pat's Nursery ~ Peaceful Yoga ~ Peggy McAteer Photography ~ Pet World ~ Petco - Fleming Island ~ PHD and More ~ Pineapple Post ~ Pompei Pizza ~ Poochie's Swim/Play Park ~ Possum Leaf Design ~ Publix Super Markets, Inc. ~ Queen, Dolores ~ R. Roberts Gallery ~ Ripley's Believe it or Not ~ Riverside Liquors/Village Wine ~ Roberts Music Studio ~ Roberts, Z. K. ~ Ronnie's Wings, Oysters & More ~ Roy's TV Sales & Service ~ RPM Automotive ~ Russell Road Animal Clinic ~ Ryan Household ~ Salon Nouveau ~ San Sebastian Winery ~ Sarnelli's Ristorante ~ Saturn of Orange Park ~ Scenic Cruise, Inc.-St. Augustine ~ Scrap' n Stuff ~ Sea World Adventure Park ~ Skate Station ~ Sonic Drive-In ~ Sonic Drive-In Restaurant ~ Space Age Structures ~ Split-NZ ~ St. Augustine Alligator Farm ~ St. Augustine Lighthouse/Museum ~ St. John's Country Day School ~ Starbucks Blanding Blvd ~ Starbucks In Eagle Harbor ~ Steinmart - Riverplace ~ Stephanie's Custom Framing ~ Sweet Tomatoes ~ Target CR 220 ~ Target Stores ~ Tastefully Simple ~ The Brick Restaurant ~ The Cheshire Cat ~ The Emerald Princess ~ The Granary ~ The Jacksonville Jaguars, LTD ~ The Kennel Shop ~ The Look ~ The Loop ~ The Oldest House Complex ~ The Right Cutt - Mart ~ The Top Of The Reef ~ Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts ~ Tractor Supply ~ Venus USA / WinterSilks ~ Village Gallery & Framing ~ Vye Household ~ W.B. Tatter Studios and Gallery ~ Wais, James ~ Wells Road Veterinary Medical Ctr ~ White Oak Plantation ~ Whitey's Fish Camp ~ Willowdale Veterinary Center ~ World Golf Hall of Fame ~ World Market ~ Wright Household ~ Zach's Outdoor Equipment ~ (continued next page)...

**Many thanks to everyone who supported us with
Auction Items for this very important event!**

Individual & Corporate Auction Sponsors

All Animal Clinic
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Wernert, Janette and John
Wright Household
Yahre Household

Update for Scooter—"Scooter's Surgery"

If I had to use one word to describe the past five months for Scooter, it would be "progress". She has gained 16 pounds, grown taller and longer, and most importantly, has built much needed muscle strength. She goes to the vet on a regular basis to determine her bone growth levels. Once she has reached her full growth potential, the much needed surgery will take place on her remaining front leg. The surgeon is expected to perform this surgery

shortly after her first birthday, possibly during the month of January. Prior to her surgery, exercise is very important to prepare her for an intensive 2-3 month recovery. Thanks to all the generous donors to "Scooter's Fund", a front supporting wheelchair was purchased to help her achieve maximum leg strength.



Because of her disability, she found her own way to maneuver around, and these habits have to be corrected. Using the chair, we are currently training her to walk properly up on her paw pads. This is imperative since her surgery involves inserting a steel plate in her leg preventing the abnormal bend. A front supporting sling, which will be purchased closer to her surgery date, will also allow us to get her in and out of the house with minimum stress on her leg. Currently, she weighs 52 pounds and will surely grow larger in the next few months. After her recovery period, she will still utilize the wheelchair for outdoor excursions to the park, etc. It is truly going to open a whole new world to her. On her second day of training in the wheelchair, she trotted down the driveway, tail wagging, barking a happy bark as if she were saying, "Look at me everyone, I can run!" We will continue to do all that we can to help her succeed in achieving the goal of excellent health, thus preparing her for the next stage in her life; finding a forever home. Her self-confidence and overall appearance is proof that with the love, compassion, and generosity of our community, anything is possible. She is an inspiration to everyone she meets, and we love her dearly.

Dolores, Frank and Trey Queen

We are so grateful for all of the caring donors that generously contributed to Scooters Surgery Fund. We received 51 donations totaling \$4,660 which should be enough to get her through the rest of her surgeries and rehabilitation. Any funds that may be left over will be used for future special surgeries for other animal in our care. A special ***Thank You*** to the Queen family for generously providing lots of time and effort and providing a loving, caring foster home for Scooter during her trauma.

OUR HEARTS

Every time we lose a dog, they take a piece of our hearts with them. Every new dog who comes into our life, gifts us with a piece of their heart. If we live long enough, all the components of our hearts will be dog, and we will become as generous and loving as they are.

Memorial and Appreciation Fund

We thank those people who have contributed to our work with recent donations IN LOVING MEMORY AND IN HONOR AND APPRECIATION OF the following beloved family members and friends:

In Loving Memory of Baxter 05-05-06 by Jim & Melinda Rogers ~ **In Memory of Kino** by Deborah & Robert Rich ~ **In Memory of Delilah** by Pauline Dietrich ~ **In Honor of Donna** by Brenda Vencill ~ **In Memory of Timmie & Honor of his Vet Dr. Melissa Eslick** by Alan & Sheri Todoroff ~ **In memory of Callie** by Tina McFarlin ~ **In Honor of Dr. & Mrs. Douglas C. McKee** by Ron & Shelley Brown ~ **In Memory Of Mike Scurry** by Richard & Paula Emery ~ **In Memory Of Paul Woolard** by Richard & Paula Emery ~ **In Memory of a Rescued Dog Mr. Biggs** by Marilyn Bain ~ **In Memory of Snowball Foster** by Geneva C Foster ~ **In Memory of Tassej** by Richard and Evelyn Murch ~ **In Memory of Beloved Dog and Family Member Missy Krawczyk** by Catherine S. Corcoran ~

100% of every donation goes directly to the care of our animals. No part is retained by any solicitor. We are a Florida registered non-profit corporation. Registration number 20-07-012291

Our mission is to provide a temporary home for lost, abandoned, and abused dogs and cats in our area until a good permanent home can be found.

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Asst. Manager: Laura Bardroff

Hours of Operation
Mon. ~ Tue. ~ Wed. ~ Fri. ~ Sat. 11am-5 pm

Closed on Thursday & Sunday

PLEASE!
ANIMAL INTAKE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. OUR SPACE IS VERY LIMITED AND ALWAYS VERY CROWDED!

2008 MAJOR DONORS (\$500 or More)

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See page 8 for a Donation Form

Thanks from all of us Cats and Dogs that are fortunate to have a safe place to live until we are lucky enough to have that special someone find us and take us as a member of a loving, permanent home. Please make a special Xmas donation to support the shelter so we will continue to have a safe place to stay until we are "discovered at last"..... *Thank you.*



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Mission to Save More Animals from Death

A major project is underway in Clay County to reduce the number of animals being euthanized. Starting last spring at animal control, 22,000 intake forms covering 1/05 – 6/30/08 were copied and the information from those forms is being entered into a spreadsheet which will tell the tale of what happened to each one of those animals. The information we are capturing includes date of intake, dog/puppy, cat/kitten, size, breed, stray or owner surrender, reason for surrender or other observations, zip code, outcome date, outcome status (euthanized, died, adopted, redeemed by owner, rescued). Rescued groups are identified as they play a crucial role in saving lives at many animal control facilities.

Once the spreadsheet is completed, a grant will be applied for with the Maddie's Foundation. With the help and guidance of First Coast No More Homeless Pets and Rick DuCharme, President, we are extremely hopeful that a \$200,000, two-year grant will be awarded to Clay County for the purpose of spay/neuter in those zip code areas with the greatest number of animals going to animal control. The target number of spay/neuters will be approximately 900 a year and there will no charge for low income residents who meet the guidelines. Here's what we've discovered so far from Jan – June 2008.

Of the 3,280 number of intakes, cats totaled 873, kittens 737, dogs 1142, puppies 528.

By zip code, Middleburg had 29.05%, Drop pen (no information known) 26.04%, Green Cove Springs 12.59%, Orange Park 32073 10.43%, Keystone Heights 9.66%, Orange Park 32065 6.16%, outside of Clay 4.30%, and Fleming Island 1.77%

The outcome told the sad story that Euthanasia accounted for 72.07%, Rescued 9.42%, Adopted 8.81%, Redeemed 6.22%, died 3.45%, escaped .03%.

The results would seem to indicate that there are LOTS of stray/feral cats out there and we need to work on getting more spayed/neutered quickly to stop the unwanted number of kittens.

Once the information is completed it should make it easier to apply for other spay/neuter grants. And the Spay/Neuter Incentive Program (SNIP) that we want to start offers a less costly alternative for people wishing to help reduce the number of unwanted animals in the community.

This program is working very successfully at Goliath and BeBe's World in St. Augustine where it was started a year ago. Since that time they have issued over 1,000 spay/neuter certificates.

The challenge in Clay County will be to find vets willing to work with us at a reduced cost by seeing the long range benefits.....

Becky Cummins




*Whitey's ~ Doctor's Lake & Swimming Pen Creek
6th Annual Lighted Boat Parade
December 20, 2008*

All Proceeds will benefit the Safe Animal Shelter & American Cancer Society



Lighted Boat Parade Begins at 6:30 PM

Win a PLASMA TV & ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM!!

For more details or to enter your boat in the Lighted Boat Parade call Vicky at
Whitey's Fish Camp / 264-4198

Raffle Tickets are only \$5.00 each and can be purchased at Safe Animal Shelter

Safe Animal Shelter— Donation Form

Your donations will help secure the future of the animals in our care at Safe Animal Shelter. Please make checks payable to: Safe Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 65597, Orange Park, FL 32065. All donations are tax deductible. Select from the following:

Special Donation: Amount: \$ _____ Purpose _____

Monthly Pledge: \$ _____ Start Date: _____ # Payments: _____

Membership: YES, I Want to Become a Member!

Join the Safe Animal Shelter! Your membership entitles you to participate in our general meetings normally held on the second Wednesday of each Quarter and shows your concern for the goals and objectives of the Shelter. You will receive our newsletters and can vote for your candidate for officers of the Board of Directors. Dues are **\$25 annually per person** and your membership will be valid for one year from the date your membership dues are received.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Type Payment: Check Visa Master Card

Card Number _____ Expiration _____ Sec Code* _____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____

(* Sec Code is the last 3 digits of the number in the signature box on back of your credit card.)

For Monthly Pledges—Your signature authorizes Safe Animal Shelter to submit monthly charges for the number of payments specified or until you request us to discontinue your monthly pledge.

You can also pay with an automatic payment that you set up yourself with your bank.

Honorarium: I would like this pledge to be (choose one):

In Memory In Honor Of: _____

Send Acknowledgement To: _____

Address _____

The Safe Animal Shelter is a charitable 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code. Every contribution is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. 100% of the contribution goes directly to the care of the animals at Safe Animal Shelter. No outside solicitor is paid for any part of this contribution. We are a Florida registered corporation. Our Florida registration number is 20-070012291-85c.