



# Safe Animal Shelter Newsletter

May 2011



"A Home, Until They Find a Home."

*Safe Animal Shelter is a "no kill" shelter whose mission is to provide a safe haven for lost, abandoned and unwanted cats and dogs until they are adopted into permanent homes, and to advocate spay and neuter as the only means to reduce animal overpopulation.*

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## Please Note:

**We are currently experiencing an urgent need for donations of Purina Dog Chow! Thanks for your help.**

## May Calendar

### Sun., May 1

Last day of PetSmart Parking Lot Event at I/295/Argyle, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. SAFE is hosting the event with four different rescue groups represented with many, many dogs, cats, puppies and kittens available for adoption.

### Mon., May 2

Special meeting, Board of Directors, 7 p.m., Dolpp residence

### Tues., May 3

Senior Snuggle Session at the Cattery, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Patti O'Brien Named New Shelter Manager

**Patti O'Brien** has been named SAFE's Shelter Manager, effective immediately.

Patti resided in New York before arriving with her family to live on Fleming Island in 2007. It wasn't long thereafter that Patti began volunteering at the shelter's front desk. Because of her skills and proficiency, her love for the animals, and her kind and thoughtful way with visitors, she was soon offered the position of Office Administrator.

## Sat., May 7

Cat/Kitten Adoptions,  
PetSmart at 1/295/Argyle,  
10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## Sun., May 8

### Happy Mothers' Day!

## Tues., May 10

Senior Snuggle Session at  
the Cattery, 11 a.m. to 5  
p.m.

## Thurs., May 12

Board Meeting, Fleming  
Island Library, 1 p.m.

New Volunteer  
Orientation, Barco-Newton  
YMCA, Fleming Island, 7  
p.m.

## Sat., May 14

Cat/Kitten Adoptions,  
PetSmart at 1/295/Argyle,  
10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## Tues., May 17

Senior Snuggle Session at  
the Cattery, 11 a.m. to 5  
p.m.

## Sat., May 21

Cat/Kitten Adoptions,  
PetSmart at 1/295/Argyle,  
10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## Mon., May 30



### Memorial Day

With deepest gratitude to  
our veterans and active  
duty military for your  
service and sacrifice.

**JUNE IS ADOPT-A-CAT  
MONTH!** More info to  
follow in June's  
Newsletter.

### Dog and Puppy Chow Needed Plus

"I look forward to assuming  
the role of Shelter Manager  
and finding "forever homes"  
for even more animals as we  
approach our twenty-year  
milestone," said Patti. "**Lara  
Hudson** (Shelter Mgr. from  
2005 until April of this year)  
has assembled a great staff,  
and we will work hard to  
achieve continued growth and  
a positive vision for the future.  
We will all miss Lara  
immensely, but, at the same  
time, are excited for her as she  
leaves for Mississippi to  
assume her new position as  
Executive Director of an even larger shelter in  
Hattiesburg."



*Patti O'Brien*

Patti is "Mom" to her son, **Tommy** (23), daughter,  
**Elizabeth** (14), four cats, and a very special Chocolate  
Lab named **Scooter**, who many of you will remember.  
Physically handicapped after having to have one of her  
front legs amputated, Scooter remained at the shelter for  
some time until Patti took her to her own "forever home"  
where she, happily, still resides.

The Board of Directors, Staff and Shelter Membership wish  
both Patti and Lara continued success in their new roles  
and congratulate them both on their past achievements.

### Farewell to Lara



*We'll miss you, Lara!*

Shelter Staff and members of the Board of Directors

## Canned Food

The shelter is currently in need of **Purina Dog Chow (urgent!), Purina Puppy Chow and any variety of canned dog food.** If you can help, please bring your donations to the shelter.

## Available for Adoption



**Mary 11182**

Sweetness with a capital "S"! I fell in love when I saw this 3-year-old white and black, medium size dog last week, tail rapidly wagging, and sweet kisses for all. She's already spayed and is thought to be a pointer mix? Or maybe dalmation/hound mix? Not sure, but **Mary** surely has a super sweet disposition, just as long as there are no cats in the household!



**Jezebel 10393**

What a pose this adorable cat displays! Do I see

gathered on Sat. evening, April 16, to bid a fond farewell to Shelter Manager, **Lara Hudson**, at Santioni's on Fleming Island. (Pls see above article.)

## Staff Pick

**Gwen Osborn** is a much-loved, long-time attendant at SAFE, and one of her biggest fans is **Honda**, a medium-sized Terrier Mix who underwent surgery on April 12th to have his right front leg amputated.

Unfortunately, Honda was suffering from Radial Nerve Damage in his wrist, and had become unable to use that leg.

Unbelievably, this photo was taken on April 18, just six days after his surgery! He is getting around beautifully!



*Gwen and Honda*

There is no doubt whatsoever that Honda has a lot of love to give! Why not come to the shelter and meet him?

## Letters to the Editor:

**Dear SAFE,**

This is just to let you know how much we appreciate Safe Animal Shelter. This photo is of "**Max**," formerly known as "**Hamlet**" when he was at the shelter. His brother and he had just been picked up when we saw him, and he had little bare spots all over his little paws and his tail was bare. Two years later, though, this is how he turned out!



*Max as he looks today!*

We can never thank you enough. We tell anyone who needs a pet where to go (Safe Animal Shelter, of course!) and we attend many of the events that you have.

Thanks again for our wonderful Max.

**Sandra & Ryland Reamy**

**Dear SAFE,**

some "cat-i-tude"?? A small grey and black domestic shorthair mix at approximately 3 years old, **Jezebel** is sure to please!

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Nancy Ryan

We wanted to thank you all very much for letting us adopt our precious dog, **Cleo**. We were at your Shelter on Saturday, 3-26-11, and fell in love with the beautiful pharaoh hound mix named **Godiva**. Since then, we have renamed her Cleopatra, or Cleo for short. She is responding very well to the new name. Also, she is getting along great with our old Pug named **Grunt** and they are becoming great friends. She was a little timid at first, but she is slowly coming out of her shell and becoming a wonderful addition to our family. We are amazed by her intelligence: she knows her basic commands already, tells us when she has to go out, and she shakes hands and gives hugs. The funny thing is that we have had her for 2 days and we still have not heard her bark. We are sure she does, but so far she is a very quiet little girl.

She is eating wonderfully, and has already gained a few pounds. You had her listed at 22 lbs. a month ago, and when we took her to the vet yesterday she weighed in at 26.5 lbs.!

Again, we wanted to thank you for your kind service and introducing us to our new baby girl!

Thanks again!  
**Mike, Danni, Grunt & Cleo**



*Cleo*

## PepsiCo. Tickets for Charity

The 2011 PepsiCo. Tickets for Charity are available on line. Please visit [www.winn-dixiejacksonvilleopen.com/tickets/tickets.php?C=SAS](http://www.winn-dixiejacksonvilleopen.com/tickets/tickets.php?C=SAS) and be sure to indicate Safe Animal Shelter as your charity of choice! You will be able to purchase admission tickets to the 2nd Annual Winn-Dixie Jacksonville Open on Oct. 17-23, 2011 at TPC Sawgrass Dye Valley Course...and a donation will automatically be made *for the entire value of your ticket* to the Shelter!

