



"DOGGY YOGA" AT MIROMAR OUTLETS

The long-awaited "Doggy Yoga" event was held at the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Center at Miromar Outlets.

The session was filled with laughter, face-licking and puppy-wrestling...all of which brought smiles to the faces of the participants.



And, just when we couldn't giggle any more, Kim from Starbucks arrived with whipped cream and pup cups...



Additional "Doggy Yoga" classes will be scheduled in the near future.

For additional information regarding upcoming classes, please email glevine@sheriffleefl.org.



We are greatly appreciative to Gulf Coast Humane Society and Starbucks at Miromar Outlets for their generosity and for an absolutely amazing day!

APRIL 2025

BENJAMIN...

As a result of a report issued by a concerned citizen, Lee County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to allegations that an Estero resident had been video recorded "striking and choking" his dog; a five-month-old Golden Doodle named "Benjamin."



Following multiple interviews and review of video, it was determined that probable cause did exist and Chad Pierson Perrow (DOB 07-28-1986) was arrested for misdemeanor animal cruelty, a violation of F.S.S. 828.12-1.

Benjamin was impounded for veterinary examination.

ALWAYS CHECK
THE ABUSE
REGISTRY
BEFORE
REHOMING A PET



HELP PROTECT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S SHOREBIRDS!

Volunteer with the Audubon Shorebird Stewardship Program!

Audubon of Southwest Florida has teamed up with the Florida Shorebird Alliance to form a community-driven Shorebird Stewardship Program.

The goal is to protect and raise awareness about Florida's imperiled shorebird species and they need your help!

By volunteering as a Bird Steward, you'll play a vital role in educating beachgoers about these amazing birds and the importance of sharing the shore during nesting season.

Summer Shorebird Stewarding

Each summer, from May through August, shorebirds like Least Terns, Black Skimmers and Plovers nest along our beaches. Bird Stewards are on the front lines, helping these birds succeed in one of the most challenging seasons of their lives.

Stewards work weekends and holidays at two key nesting sites:

Southern Fort Myers Beach (Carlos Pointe)

Cayo Costa State Park

What Do Shorebird Stewards Do?

Educate the public about the birds and how to avoid disturbing nesting areas.

Offer views through spotting scopes so people can safely watch natural behaviors like chick feeding and courtship displays.

Collect important data on nesting activity, banded birds, and disturbances.

Serve as ambassadors for shorebird conservation and help foster appreciation for native coastal species.



Interested? Email LeeShorebirdSteward@gmail.com or visit <https://www.audubonswfl.org/shorebird-stewardship>.

SHERIFF CARMINE MARCENO REMINDS YOU...

***Abuse an
Animal?***
You Will Go to Jail!



RECALL

Blue Ridge Beef Issues Voluntary Recall of Blue Ridge Beef Puppy Mix and Kitten Mix Due to Salmonella & Listeria Contamination.

STATESVILLE, NC — Blue Ridge Beef is recalling 1,080 lbs. of their 2 lb. logs of Kitten Mix Lot # N26 0114 and 1,380 lbs. of their 2 lb. logs of Puppy Mix Lot # N25 1230 (Lot numbers are stamped in the clips on the end of the chubs/bags) due to contamination with Salmonella and Listeria.

Salmonella and Listeria can affect animals eating the products and there is risk to humans from handling contaminated pet products, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the products or any surfaces exposed to these products.

Healthy people infected with Salmonella or Listeria should monitor themselves for some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever. Rarely, Salmonella and Listeria can result in more serious ailments, including arterial infections, endocarditis, arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation, and urinary tract symptoms. Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their healthcare providers.

Pets with Salmonella or Listeria infections may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever and vomiting. Some pets will have only decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain. Infected but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or humans. If your pet has consumed the recalled product(s) and has these symptoms, please contact your veterinarian.

The products were distributed between January 3, 2025 and January 24, 2025.

Due to a customer complaint of animal illness, samples of the products were collected on March 20, 2025 by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. On April 1, 2025, the firm was notified by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture that the products tested positive for Salmonella and Listeria.

Products affected are:

BLUE RIDGE BEEF PUPPY MIX 2LB LOT NUMBER: N25 1230

BLUE RIDGE BEEF KITTEN MIX 2LB LOT NUMBER: N26 0114

Consumers who have purchased these products are urged to return them to the place of purchase or destroy the food in a way that children, pets, and wildlife cannot access. Do not sell or donate the recalled products. Do not feed the recalled product to pets or any other animals. Wash and sanitize pet food bowls, cups, and storage containers. Always ensure you wash and sanitize your hands after handling recalled food or any utensils that come in contact with recalled food. For more information email blueridgebeefnc@yahoo.com or call 704-873-2072 Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm EST.



SPEAK UP

FOR THE VOICE- LESS



◀ Khaleesi was rescued in Cape Coral after suffering horrific neglect at her former owners hands. She was severely malnourished and couldn't even stand. Today, she is healed and in a loving home. Her former owners were jailed on felony charges. One call made all the difference.

SWFL CRIME STOPPERS



STOP DOG FIGHTING AND ANIMAL CRUELTY NOW!

CALL CRIME STOPPERS AT
1-800-780-TIPS
(8477)

TO PROTECT ANIMALS WHO CANNOT PROTECT THEMSELVES.

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ANIMAL CRUELTY/HUMAN VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK

April 21, 2025, begins a week of awareness linking the mistreatment and abuse of people and cruelty to animals.

If you're unaware of the "link," please read on...

- ◆ People who hurt, injure and abuse animals DO NOT limit their violence towards animals.
- ◆ Numerous, detailed studies have shown a strong link between animal abuse/cruelty and a cycle of violence against humans.
- ◆ Animal abuse is considered a "predictor crime." "Predictive Policing" uses analytical data to predict likely violence.
- ◆ Child safety experts indicate that when animals are abused in the home, it is likely an unsafe environment for children. A 1983 study showed that animals were abused in 88% of homes where there was documented child abuse.
- ◆ Children who witness animal abuse can experience emotional and behavioral problems and become desensitized to violence.
- ◆ Animal abuse and cruelty are also strongly linked to domestic violence.
- ◆ A 1997 study by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Northeastern University found that animal abusers are FIVE TIMES more likely to also harm other humans.



(Animal Cruelty / Human Awareness week...continued)

- ◆ Abuse of a partner's pet is a method of control and intimidation.
- ◆ Studies show that up to 71% of battered women have reported that their pets have been threatened, harmed or killed by their partners.
- ◆ Studies also indicate that a significant number of women avoid or delay leaving a domestic violence situation out of concern for their pets' safety.

SAY HELLO TO "NIBBLES!"

Nibbles is a spunky three-month-old Silver Mix with a big personality and endless energy.

Always on the move, he loves to explore, get into everything, and keep life exciting. His name comes from a little nibble on his ear—likely from one of his bunny friends in the hoarding situation

he was rescued from—but it suits him perfectly!

For additional information, please call 941-499-7197, email swflrabbits@gmail.com or visit respectforrabbits.com.



"CHECK THE CHIP" MICROCHIPPING EVENT

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force and Lee County Domestic Animal Services worked diligently to meet, greet and microchip dogs and cats at the LCSO Community Outreach Center at Edison Mall!

All canines and felines were initially checked to see if they were already microchipped and, if not, they were chipped at no cost.

Pets have an uncanny way of "getting out" and have a far better chance of being returned

home when chipped. Please ensure that your pets are all microchipped!



IN LOVING MEMORY

LCSO K9 Alko

On April 19, 2003, the Lee County Sheriff's Office was called to a report of a suspicious person. When Deputies arrived, they apprehended the suspect, but he managed to flee in a stolen vehicle. After the suspect abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot, Canine Alko and his handler tracked the path of the suspect. The suspect stabbed Alko during the apprehension.

End of Watch - April 20, 2003



There's no
excuse for
animal
abuse!



ZERO TOLERANCE.

ZERO EXCUSES.

ZERO EXCEPTIONS.



"MALL MUTTS" AT EDISON MALL

They people watch. They window shop. They sniff around at the Food Court. Most importantly, they seem to have a whole lot of fun.

Four canines walked the Edison Mall, enjoying a pup-cup from Didi's Café, belly-rubs from shoppers and store staff and an opportunity to stretch their legs.



"Mall Mutts" is an opportunity for canines to hone their social skills and to spend time away from the shelter.



Special and ongoing thanks to the Gulf Coast Humane Society for bringing their furry friends out to the mall!