



AGGRAVATED ANIMAL CRUELTY ARREST

Responding to a call for service alleging animal abuse, Lee County Sheriff's Office deputies observed a shovel lying on the ground adjacent to a hole that had been excavated and subsequently filled.

Reportedly, Alfonso Alexander Perez Naz forcibly grabbed a kitten and threw it against the ground. Having struck the concrete with extreme force, the cat became motionless.

Alfonso Alexander Perez Naz threw the kitten into a newly-dug hole and buried it.



Based upon information collected by deputies and detectives, Alfonso Alexander Perez Naz (DOB 06-20-2000) was arrested, charged with violating Florida Statute 828.12(2), "A person who

intentionally commits an act to any animal, or a person who owns or has the custody or control of any animal and fails to act, which results in the cruel death, or excessive or repeated infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering, or causes the same to be done, commits aggravated animal cruelty, a felony of the third degree."

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June 26, 2025
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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ADMINISTERING MEDICINE TO YOUR CAT...

By Alice Jeromin, B.S. Pharmacy, DVM, DACVD

I need to give my cat a pill. What “flavors” should I use?

An interesting study at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine by Dr. Amy Nichelason found that cats favor certain flavors over others. Flavoring medications for cats is preferred over “dry swallowing”. The danger of forcing medication down a cat’s throat are many ranging from the cat not trusting its owner, causing irritation and inflammation of the esophagus (can especially occur with doxycycline and clindamycin), and make the cat fear the owner when approaching with further medications.

Dr. Nichelason’s article was published in the Journal of the American Veterinary Association (JAVMA) where her group looked at various flavored oral liquid medications to see which ones cats favored most. Fish, liver, and meat flavors historically were felt to be liked by most cats. In the study, owners gave cats different flavors at home using either oil-based or water-based compounded formulations. Cats lack the gene for sweetness so sweet flavors were NOT favored by cats. Oil-based flavorings were preferred over water-based.



When owners claimed their cats “liked chicken” they were often surprised when the cat selected fish instead of chicken flavoring. (So typical of cats to not be predictable!!!) Just goes to show we can’t predict what cats like!

Overall, not all the cats liked all the flavors. 60% of cats did NOT prefer oil-based where 85% disliked water-based flavorings. So even though oil-based flavorings were preferred, not all cats liked them! Cats are cats and can be picky!! Dr. Nichelason’s advice is to try various flavorings initially without medication in them to see which one your cat prefers

then have the pharmacy compound that flavoring with the desired medication.

And for those of you giving milk to cats...most cats are lactose intolerant and can develop excessive gas, constipation, diarrhea and other digestive system issues if they drink it according to Dr. Julia Henning, a Ph.D. candidate in animal behavior. Lactose-free milk or milk specifically formulated for cats may be given as an occasional treat, but those options don't provide any nutritional benefits. So even though your cat may “like” milk, it can cause some gastrointestinal problems such as bloating, gas, or diarrhea and disrupt the intestinal microbiome.

SHERIFF CARMINE MARCENO REMINDS YOU...

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



NORTH FORT MYERS MAN ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING NEIGHBOR'S COW

Lee County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a call for service to a property on Sharon Drive, west of State Road 31, in North Fort Myers.

The complainant indicated that he located his two-year-old calf on his neighbor's property. The calf had suffered what appeared to be multiple gunshot wounds and was suffering.

Reportedly, the owner of the calf indicated that his neighbor, Hung Minh Trinh, had threatened to shoot any animal(s) that entered his property.

Following the obtaining of a search warrant, a .22 caliber gun was located in Trinh's shed.

As a result of the severity of the injuries, a veterinarian determined that the calf needed to be euthanized.

"There will be accountability for taking your frustrations out on innocent animals, in this case multiple felonies and jail time," said Sheriff Carmine Marceno. "We know how much these animals mean to our farming community, and we will not tolerate these actions. I am proud of my Agriculture Unit for their immediate response and ability to make an arrest in this case."

Hung Minh Trinh (DOB 11-30-1970) was arrested and charged with Aggravated Animal Cruelty and Grand theft of a Farm Animal.



EXPANDING OUR REACH...

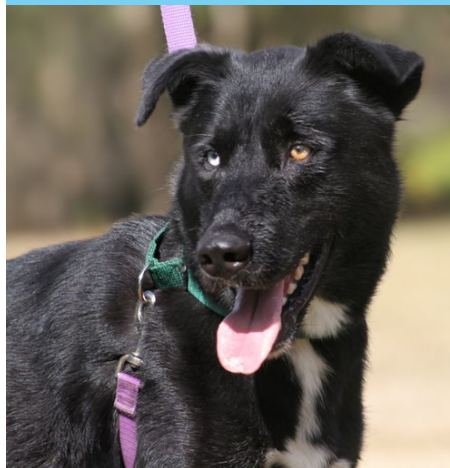
It is of primary importance, to the Lee County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force, that our efforts and messages prompt other jurisdictions around the state and nation to create similar task forces to address the abuse and mistreatment of animals. Following and sharing our Facebook page helps disperse our messages across the country! Follow us at [Facebook.com/LCSO.ACTF](https://www.facebook.com/LCSO.ACTF).



"DAKOTA" STILL IN SEARCH OF HIS FOREVER HOME

Dakota, a magnificent Husky mix, has been a resident at the Animal Refuge Center for too many years. A senior, he has spent the majority of his life in shelter care.

It's time for our community to step up and work diligently to find a home for Dakota.



Please come out to the Animal Refuge Center, located at 18011 Old Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers, and meet this wonderful boy!

For additional information, please call the Animal

Refuge Center at 239-731-3535.

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.

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STOP DOG FIGHTING AND ANIMAL CRUELTY NOW!

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SUITE 190 - ESTERO



WHEN: TUESDAY,
JUNE 17, 2025
2:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

EVENT IS FREE...
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SPACE IS LIMITED!
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!
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SCOTTISH CANINE DIES AFTER
SWALLOWING BOTTLE CAP

"Bracken," a nine-year-old Vizsla, succumbed following a recent, unsuccessful three-hour surgery.

Reportedly, the canine swallowed a bottle cap found on the ground in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Unfortunately, all too many beverage consumers discard their bottle caps once the plastic bottle has been opened. Bracken suffered tears and perforations to his intestines.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force reminds pet owners to avoid distractions while walking their pets outdoors and to ensure that their canine has no access to objects small enough to swallow.



INCREASED TEMPERATURES, SIZZLING PAVEMENT CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY TO YOUR DOG

Temperatures are rising...

With the unseasonably hot temperatures comes increased ground temperatures.

While we move about with footwear on our feet, our canines' metatarsal and digital pads come in direct contact with the heated ground.

As the thermometer begins to exceed 80 degrees Fahrenheit, the ground beneath our feet heats to a temperature that can cause discomfort, pain and even serious injury to your dog's pads.

These pads do an amazing job in regard to shock absorption and traction, but are not suited to tolerate hot pavement, pavers or asphalt.

Most dog owners fail to realize that the air temperature and the ground temperature are vastly different and that even short walks on these hot surfaces are hazardous to your dog.

It is a good practice to hold your bare hand...palm included...on the sunlit ground for a period of ten full seconds. If you feel pain or discomfort, so will your canine.

We recognize the quandary. Dogs need to be walked. We live in a tropical climate. It's a predicament, for certain.

Whenever possible, walk your dog on grass or soil. As odd as it may sound, there are also canine shoes/socks that are available and inexpensive. It may take a bit of time for Fido to grow accustomed to wearing them, however, it is far better than exposing him to the sizzling pavement.

PROTECT YOUR DOG'S PAWS

AIR TEMP	CONCRETE	ASPHALT
80°F	95°F	115°F
85°F	105°F	130°F
90°F	125°F	140°F
95°F	140°F	155°F

PLACE YOUR FULL PALM ON THE GROUND FOR 10 SECONDS.

IF IT'S TOO HOT FOR YOUR HAND, IT'S TOO HOT FOR YOUR DOG'S PAWS!

APPROACHING AN UNKNOWN CANINE

Those of us fond of dogs and puppies find it difficult to resist approaching and petting a dog that we encounter during our daily activities and travels.

Most often, these dogs are being walked by their owner(s) at shopping centers, at parks or at community events.

Some of us immediately assume that it is appropriate and acceptable to simply reach down and rub or pet an unknown canine. Often, we are conversing with the owner(s) and paying little attention to signs that the dog might be showing us...signs that we should be paying attention to.



This is especially true for children who may lack canine experience and are under the impression that all dogs are friendly.

As is the case with humans, dogs feel threatened, nervous, anxious and uncomfortable. When in these varying states, it is difficult to determine how a canine will respond to touch, eye contact, etc. Dogs may feel a need to protect territory, food,

toys/objects or their owner.

Some of the signs are easy to understand...growling, showing teeth, snapping and/or lunging. Clearly, these signs should prompt one to give the dog as much space as is needed to end these behaviors.

Sometimes, signs of aggression are less obvious.

Rigidity, ears pinned back, avoidance of eye contact, lowered head/body and/or tail tucked between legs are less discernible signs of possible aggression.

Dogs may first show signs of anxiety and/or stress that may or may not lead to aggressive behaviors. Signs such as “whale eye” (when dogs reveal the whites of their eyes), raised hackles (which makes the animal appear larger), pacing and/or panting.

If we ignore these signs, a stressed/anxious canine may respond in a number of ways...one being violently. Additionally, dogs may withdraw...retreat behind an owner, urinate, show dilated pupils, begin drooling/lip-smacking to clear the saliva and, believe it or not, even yawn.



It is always recommended that a discussion with the dog's owner should precede physical contact with the animal. Owners know their canines best, know their dog's tendencies when interacting with others and are most likely the first to recognize signs of emotional discomfort on the part of the canine.

HURRICANE PREPARATION FOR PETS

With the anxiety and concern that accompanies an anticipated hurricane/tropical storm, even the most passionate pet-owner may forget to incorporate their pet(s) into their storm planning.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force regularly shares the following information regarding preparedness:

Please make certain that your pets are up-to-date on vaccines...and retain documentation. Shelters and/or boarding facilities may not allow pets that are not vaccinated.

Dogs require Rabies and DVPP2 (Canine distemper, parvovirus and adenovirus). Some shelters may require Bordetella.

Cats require a Rabies vaccination, as well as FVRCP (Feline distemper, calicivirus and rhinotracheitis).

Ferrets require a Rabies vaccination.

It is imperative that your pet is microchipped and that the information is kept up-to-date. Collars with the pet's name, owner's name and contact information are highly recommended...especially as the storm approaches.

We additionally recommend that pet-owners retain a current photo of their pet.

While a bit tedious, it is always recommended that you ask your veterinarian for copies of your pet's medical records. Keep them with you while travelling.

Ensure that you have sufficient medication(s) for your pet (up to two weeks supply), if applicable and possible.

Please ensure that you include food and water bowls and a food supply sufficient to last up to 10 days. Leash(es), collar(s), bedding/crate and towels should be ready to go.



Please bring a sufficient amount of cat litter for your feline.

Toys, treats and poop bags will also come in handy. Your pets will experience stress, as well, and toys will be enormously helpful.

Please know that leaving your pet behind is not an option!

Please be advised that pet abandonment violates Florida Statute 828.13. Abandonment, by statute, is defined as "forsaking an animal entirely or to neglect or refuse to provide or perform the legal obligations for care and support of an animal by its owner."

The statute reads, "Any person who is the owner or possessor, or has charge or custody, of any animal who abandons such animal to suffer injury or malnutrition or abandons any animal in a street, road, or public place without providing for the care, sustenance, protection, and shelter of such animal is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both imprisonment and a fine."

With hurricane season quickly approaching, the Lee County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force respectfully asks all pet owners to set aside a bit of time to address the aforementioned recommendations.