

ANIMAL CRUELTY TASK FORCE

NEWSLETTER



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Following an extensive investigation that included necropsies of two canines, the Lee County Sheriff's Office executed an arrest warrant and took Jamesha Edwina Rollins (DOB 01-20-1996) into custody.



Based upon information gathered during the investigation, as well as following the execution of a search warrant, it was determined that Rollins abandoned her two dogs, "Meme" and "Bubbles" who were found deceased in their outdoor crates.

The dogs were found without food and without water.

Rollins has been charged with two (2) counts of Abandonment of an animal and two (2) counts of Aggravated Animal Cruelty/Excessive Pain/Death.

NOVEMBER 2025

**JOIN THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
AND THE ANIMAL REFUGE CENTER
AS WE HOST**

MOWY CHRISTMAS A CAT ADOPTION EVENT



**WHERE: LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER
AT MIROMAR OUTLETS
10801 CORKSCREW ROAD, SUITE 190, ESTERO**

WHEN: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

FREE REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY 7-ELEVEN AND COCA-COLA



**HEY...ANIMAL ABUSERS...
WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN
ABOUT YOU!**

**WE GOT YOU SILVER BRACELETS
FOR CHRISTMAS!**



**HELP THE LEE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE ASSIST
LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTERS
AND RESCUES BY DONATING
MUCH-NEEDED SUPPLIES!**

Towels (cloth and paper), wet and dry dog and cat food (unopened), blankets, washcloths, disinfectant, disinfectant wipes, trash bags (13 gallon and 55 gallon), mops, buckets, squeegees, bleach, sponges, scrub pads, laundry detergent, Dawn dish washing liquid, brooms and dustpans, dog and cat toys (especially toys for "heavy chewers"), six-foot leashes (non-retractable), collars, harnesses, potty pads, dog and cat treats (unopened, no rawhide products, please), puppy/kitten replacement milk, clumping cat litter, litter boxes, pet-grooming supplies, large Non-nylon chew bones (Augie Bones and BetterBone, for example), Kong toys, Isopropyl alcohol, Hydrogen peroxide, garden hoses and spray nozzles, baby bottles with 0-3 month nipples, pet crates (any size), nail clippers, stainless steel food and water bowls, cat scratch pads, cat towers, latex and non-latex gloves, Earth Rated® Dog Waste Bags, distilled water, glass cleaner and pet beds.



A BETTER LIFE FOR CHILDREN AND HORSES

ANIMALS AND KIDS RESCUE IS A 501(C)3 NON-PROFIT ANIMAL RESCUE THAT PROVIDES EQUINE AND ANIMAL-ASSISTED EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL SUPPORT TO THOSE IN NEED.

JOIN THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND ANIMAL AND KIDS RESCUE FOR A MOVING AND INFORMATIVE

"LUNCH & LEARN"

WHERE: LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER AT MIROMAR OUTLETS
10801 CORKSCREW ROAD, SUITE 190, ESTERO

WHEN: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025 11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

LUNCH GENEROUSLY PROVIDED BY
TACOS & TEQUILA CANTINA OF UNIVERSITY VILLAGE
10952 EAGLE VILLAGE DRIVE, ESTERO



MOVIE NIGHT AT ANIMALS & KIDS RESCUE

On a serene and cool evening, "Kids & Animals Rescue" hosted "Movie Night" at their equine facility on Neal Road.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force was on hand, bringing refreshments generously donated by 7-Eleven and Dr. Pepper.



"Animals & Kids" will be featured at an upcoming LCSO "Lunch & Learn" being held at the Community Outreach Center at Miromar Outlets on December 4th.

To register, please email Gary Levine at glevine@sheriffleefl.org.

"THERE WAS A FARMER WHO HAD A DOG..."

It is nearly unimaginable that this five-year-old Chihuahua mix doesn't have a forever home...yet, here we are.

"Bingo" probably needs a quiet place, without other pets, but has enough personality to fill an entire home.

Shy at first, Bingo will warm up to caring and loving individuals.



If you have a safe, loving home and are in the market for a true buddy, you may wish to come out to the Gulf Coast Humane Society, located at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers, and meet Bingo!

Questions? Please call the shelter at 239-332-0364.



GRAIN-FREE DIET Q&A WITH DR. WENDY PERRA

Halo Animal Hospital

LCSO Animal Cruelty Task Force: “We heard that there may be a connection between grain-free foods and canine heart disease. What is the connection? Do we need to supplement our home-prepared dog food with grain?”

Dr. Wendy Perra: “One of the amazing revelations science has shown us is how important and powerful our diet can be. The same holds true for our pets. Choosing the right food for our best friend can be challenging. Just walk down any pet food aisle and you’ll be bombarded with marketing at its finest. Many pet food manufacturers have jumped on the grain-free wagon suggesting that grains are harmful to Fido. Is there any truth to this claim?

The idea of using a diet free of grains for our pets actually drew attention when the gluten-free fad for people started. After all, if glutens are bad for us, then they must be bad for our pets too? It’s not quite that cut and dry. Pet food companies began marketing these diets as a cure for those dogs with itchy smelly skin issues. They substituted healthy whole grains with peas, lentils or potatoes. The basis was that food allergies can be caused by grains and by simply feeding a grain-free diet your dog will be healthier. The truth is grains are rarely the source of canine allergies.

Furthermore, feeding a grain-free diet can actually be harmful, even fatal, to your dog. Without grains, an essential amino acid for cardiac health known as taurine is not produced in adequate amounts. This leads to a disorder in the muscle fibers of the heart causing them to become thin. Eventually, the heart enlarges as it tries desperately to continue pumping blood. This condition known as taurine deficiency dilated cardiomyopathy culminates in heart failure. It is important to note that this disease can have a genetic link in certain large breed dogs and is not always related to taurine deficiency. Now for the good news – this condition can be reversed by reintroducing healthy whole grains into the diet.



Most veterinarians will agree that choosing a grain-based diet is ideal for optimum health in your dog; however, home-cooked diets can be just as beneficial to Fido as well. If you are your dog’s chef, then be sure to include a source of whole grains in each meal. Some good examples are brown rice, oatmeal, barley or quinoa. You want whole grains, not processed. If your dog does have a dermatological condition that you feel may be related to food allergies, TALK to your veterinarian. Do not simply withhold grains and give a taurine supplement. This could mask a serious heart condition.”

FLESHY FELINES

A recent study, with a reportedly large sample size, indicated that overweight cats, in the United States, outnumber cats at healthy/appropriate weight.

While studies involving American citizens reveal similar results, it is no surprise that our cats follow suit.

According to numerous veterinarians who were involved in the studies, just a few additional pounds could put your feline at risk of serious health conditions such as arthritis, Type 2 Diabetes, Cancer, urinary bladder stones and can shorten their life expectancy.



Unfortunately, many of the cats that we see on television, on social media and in our everyday lives are overweight. As a result, our understanding of what “normal” feline weight looks like may be a bit skewed.

If you believe that your cat may be overweight, please discuss the matter with your veterinarian and seek recommendations regarding meal content and volume.

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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SWEDEN'S DOG LAWS REFLECT A GENUINE CONCERN FOR FURRY FRIENDS

Swedish dog laws are among the strictest in the world and are centered around the country's animal welfare act, which requires owners to meet a dog's social and physical needs.

Key rules govern how long a dog can be left alone, how it must be identified and registered, and how it must be cared for during transport.

Daily care and supervision...

Time left alone: The Swedish Board of Agriculture recommends that dogs not be left alone for more than 4–6 hours at a time. For puppies and older dogs, this interval should be shorter. Authorities can penalize owners for neglect if a dog is regularly left alone for too long.

Exercise requirements: All dogs must receive regular exercise outdoors, including at least one longer walk each day, plus opportunities to run and play freely.

Daily interaction: Beyond walks, dogs must receive daily human interaction, companionship, and mental stimulation to stay healthy and happy.

Indoor environment: Dogs kept indoors must have a view of a window that provides natural sunlight.

Identification and registration...

Mandatory ID and registration: All dogs in Sweden must be marked with a unique ID number and registered in the Swedish Board of Agriculture's central dog registry. This helps track lost dogs and identifies aggressive ones.

ID methods: The ID marking can be a microchip or a tattoo in the ear, though a microchip is required for travel within the EU.

Registration timeframe: Dogs must be ID-marked and registered by four months of age.



Transportation laws...

Safe restraint: When transporting a dog in a passenger vehicle, it must be adequately secured with either a transport cage or a special seat belt for dogs.

No extended confinement: It is not permitted to leave a dog in a vehicle if the temperature inside is likely to rise above +25°C (+77°F) or drop below -5°C (+23°F). A vehicle cannot be used for overnight stays or as regular storage for a dog.

Regular breaks: During transport, dogs must be given exercise and water at least every six hours.

Public transport: Rules vary by company, but typically, dogs can travel in designated areas on buses and trains. Small pets in cages or large dogs on the floor usually require a ticket. Guide dogs are typically exempt from fees and location restrictions.

No breed-specific bans...

Focus on behavior: Sweden does not have a ban on specific dog breeds.

Action against aggressive dogs: Instead of banning breeds, the law permits authorities to take action against any dog, regardless of breed, that shows an overly aggressive nature or has a history of attacking humans or other animals. This can result in the seizure of the animal.