



# Animal Talk

Fall, 2016

## Isabelle with Bear at VSA's Fall Shot Clinic



## Volunteers are Lifeblood of VSA

Volunteers are the lifeblood of VSA, an all-volunteer organization. As president, I take this opportunity to recognize the people who volunteer with VSA.

As I looked at definitions for a volunteer, I could not find any that conveyed the depth of commitment and engagement that describes the VSA volunteers. We need a new name to describe the people that share their lives with the animals that need them so much.

Who would get excited about the prospect of intense responsibility that involves disturbed sleep, scheduling your life around feedings, and much cuddling of tiny beings? VSA bottle feeding volunteers, that's who! We take kittens with eyes closed and cords attached and consider ourselves lucky!

At our PetSmart adoption center, volunteers feed, scoop litter, and play with kittens who are so glad to get out their cages, play, and cuddle. As an example, if you happen by when Sarah Crain is there you will find her on the floor, listening to music, and playing with kittens. She has been doing this for years after a full day in her job at school.

We have a wonderful group of store volunteers who faithfully show up to ensure that animals are cared for. We have several mom and kid pairs who do this.

Our shot clinic is completely staffed by volunteers including veterinarians who are committed to the goal of assuring that all animals have the option of health with vaccinations and low-cost vouchers for sterilization.

All of our kittens are in foster homes. Our foster families introduce kittens to life in a home--vacuuming and door bells included. They learn to get along with other animals and what being loved and safe feels like.

Our photographer provides beautiful photos for Petfinder, the Naples Daily News, and Facebook. VSA's Board of Directors strives to discern needs in our community that are not being met and then meets those needs. Our pet food bank is an example.

Our donors provide the funds that we could not function without.

*Phyllis Estes, President*

### VSA's Paws for Paws Golf Tournament

May 6th, 2016  
Vanderbilt Country Club

Proceeds Go to VSA's Spay-Neuter Assistance  
Program

Please Return the Application and Return  
Envelope in This Newsletter

## VSA's Updates

### VSA to open second PetSmart Adoption Center--

VSA opens its second adoption center in December on Immokalee Road. This location is just east of I-75 next to Target. Come visit us and see the kittens.

**Mystery Trip to Benefit VSA--**Trendy Tours will again offer a mystery trip to benefit VSA. The day-long mystery to will be Florida destination, offering sightseeing and lunch at an interesting place. Please call Phyllis at 239 290-6274 for further information.

**VSA Garage Sale--**VSA's next garage sale will be in February 11, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Wilshire Lakes. Please call Chris at 239 293-9595 if you have items to donate for the garage sale.

**Low-Cost Shot Clinics in 2017--**VSA has two shot clinics in 2017. The first will be at Immokalee Community Park from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on January 28. The second clinic will on Saturday, March 4th, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Max Hasse Jr. Community Park, 3390 Golden Gate Parkway. Call 239 290-6274 with questions.

**Volunteers Needed!!--**Have fun and help the animals by Volunteering with VSA. Several opportunities exist, including

- Feeding and cage cleaning at VSA's PetSmart adoption centers
- Assisting with kitten adoptions on weekends
- Assisting at VSA's low-cost shot clinics three times per year on Saturdays
- Foster kittens in your home until ready for adoption

Please call or e-mail Helen Imo at: 239 272-6882

## Veterinary Assisting Students Assist at VSA's Low-Cost Shot Clinics

Students in the Lorenzo Walker Technical College are volunteering at VSA low-cost clinics in Naples and Immokalee.

Students, both high school students and after graduation, are enrolled Lorenzo Walker Technical College's program to prepare students to work in veterinary clinics. The program is part of Collier County's program to prepare students to enter the workforce with specialized knowledge and skills.



Dr. Becker, program director (left) and Phyllis Estes (VSA president) are pictured with high school students in the Lorenzo Walker Technical College veterinary assisting program at VSA fall shot clinic.



The Willard Brothers Helping Adopt Rory

# Memorials and Honorary Donations

**In Memory of Miss Kitty  
by  
Stephen and Susan Cox**

**In Memory of Sam and Maudie  
Scibilia by  
Sharon and Sam Schilling**

**In Memory of My Previous Cat Calmee  
and Marilyn Wahl's Senior Cat, Smudge  
by Jan Thomas**

**In Memory of Alexander Michelson  
by  
Judith and Winston Beers**

**In Memory of Avis G. Davis  
by  
James and Kaye Dahlquist**

**In Memory of Chloe  
by  
Lynne and Sean Seawright**

**In Memory of Katie Imo  
by  
Barbara Jean DeVoe**

**In Honor of Helen Imo's Birthday  
by  
Barbara Jean DeVoe**

**In Memory of Katie Noelle Imo  
by  
Helen L. and Bob Imo**

**In Memory of Cuba, Jeanne  
Castaldini's Cat  
Katie, Helen Imo's Cat  
by Janice Thomas**

**In Memory of Sweet, Delightful  
Cat, Cuba Castaldini,  
by Bob and Helen Imo**

**In Memory of Mickey, 12/1/15,  
and Frisky, 6/20/16, by  
Ingrid Strickland**

**In Memory of Gris Gris, Cat of  
John and Janet Kondas  
by Sondra Rice**

**In Memory of Spencer  
by  
Helen Moody**

**In Memory of Avis G. Davis  
by  
Dianne K. Marvin**

**Help VSA Help  
Homeless Animals  
in Collier County in  
2017**

**Please send a tax-  
deductible  
donation in the  
enclosed envelope**

If you wish to honor or remember  
your pet, friend, or loved one, please  
provide the information on the  
envelope flap which will be  
published in VSA's spring  
newsletter

**Thank you!**



**Volunteers at VSA's fall shot clinic, Maura Fortin, Karen Amifano, and Elaine Phillips (left to right)**

## **Thank You Publix, KPG Accounting, and Amber Frederiksen photography**

Publix Super Markets provide space for VSA donation bins at the following locations:

### ***Pine Ridge Crossing***

Airport Road at Pine Ridge Road

### ***Riverchase Shopping Center***

U.S. 41 North at Immokalee Road

### ***Freedom Square***

U.S. East at Collier Boulevard (State Road 951)

VSA is grateful to **KPG Accounting Services, Inc.** for its assistance with our accounting. KPG specializes in condominium associations  
Call Kevin Gaffney at 434-8866

**Amber Frederiksen Photography** photographs our adoptable cats and kittens. Amber specializes in travel, architectural interiors and exteriors and in lifestyle photography.  
Contact Amber at [www.amberfrederiksen.com](http://www.amberfrederiksen.com)

## **Volunteer Services for Animals**

VSA is a not-for-profit organization founded in Collier County in 1982 to assist at the new Collier County Animal Control shelter. VSA continues to work to bring about a time when there will be no more homeless pets. Our primary efforts are on two fronts, rescuing and adopting homeless cats and kittens and encouraging and assisting owners to sterilize their dogs and cats. VSA also has low-cost dog and cat shot clinics, a feral and neighborhood cat sterilization program, and a dog and cat food assistance program.

We have little administrative overhead. We do not maintain an office or have any paid staff. Rescued cats and kittens are housed in volunteer homes. Our work is supported entirely by donations and with grant funds. Become a part of this work of love by volunteering and/or donating.

VSA kittens and cats are available for adoption at PetSmart on Pine Ridge Road (next to Home Depot) seven days a week. VSA volunteers are at the adoption center on Saturdays and Sundays, 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Available kittens can also be seen on [www.vsarescue.org](http://www.vsarescue.org) Call 239 290-6274 for an appointment at other times.

Spay and neuter vouchers also are available at the PetSmart adoption center each Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### **Contact Information:**

6017 Pine Ridge Road, #330

Naples, FL 34119

239 290-6274 239 261-4768 (fax)

E-mail: [vsarescue@aol.com](mailto:vsarescue@aol.com)

Website: [www.vsarescue.org](http://www.vsarescue.org)



**Kittens Adopted  
to  
Forever Homes.**





# Pars for Paws Entry Form

Volunteer Services for Animals, Inc., 6017 Pine Ridge Road, #330,  
Naples, FL 34119 239 961-1015

\$\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 per golfer, also includes continental breakfast, awards and raffle luncheon

\$\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 for "Critter Shot"

\$\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 for hole sponsorship: Please write your wording for hole sponsorship below:

Wording on hole sponsorship \_\_\_\_\_

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Contribution

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Tickets for 50-50 fund raising raffle at \$5 each. No need to be present to win.

**\$\_\_\_\_\_ Total paid--Please make checks payable to VSA and send to 6017 Pine Ridge Road, #330, Naples, FL 34119**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone or e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## Tournament Player Information

### Golfer #1

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state and zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Pets: { } Dogs { } Cats { } Other

### Golfer #2

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state and zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Pets: { } Dogs { } Cats { } Other

### Golfer #3

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state and zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Pets: { } Dogs { } Cats { } Other

### Golfer #4

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state and zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Pets: { } Dogs { } Cats { } Other

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