

Animal Talk

Fall, 2017



Ruby Sue with a New Friend In Her Adoptive Home

Low Cost Shot Clinics

VSA will offer low-cost vaccinations, de-worming, and spay neuter vouchers at the Immokalee Community Park on Saturday, February 3, 2018, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The next Naples clinic will be at Max Hasse Community Park on Saturday, March 3, 2018, from 12:30 to 3:30. Dr. Jane Chetkowski and her staff will be at the Immokalee Clinic.

Dr. Mike Gordon and his staff will be at the Naples Clinic. All volunteer their time!

Brogan in New San Diego Home Because of Irma

Tica, Brogan, Tica, Chiquita, Santi. How many lives?

Tica was found in a carrier in the dumpster behind a PetSmart in January, 2010. VSA provided her routine medical care and the veterinarian estimated her age to be 2 years.

She remained in our foster care until June, 2010, when her original owner came looking for her. The owner had been hospitalized and left Tica in the care of her daughter. The daughter told the owner the cat had died.



Sometime after that, the daughter took the cat to a feral rescue claiming she was a stray. Realizing Tica had been a pet, the rescue traded her to the Humane Society for feral cats. Tica was adopted from the Humane Society and now was Chiquita.

VSA was notified by Collier County Domestic Animal Services that she had been surrendered there. When the original owner was notified she was overjoyed but her daughter refused to let Tica come home.

The Humane Society graciously took her while we looked for a permanent home. She was transferred to San Diego in anticipation of Hurricane Irma where she has found a loving owner who promises this is her last home.

She is now Santi.

VSA's Notes

Adoptions Each Weekend--VSA adopts cats and kittens at PetSmart, 2255 Pine Ridge Road, Naples each Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call 239 290-6724 for an appointment at other times. Available cats and kittens may be seen on VSA's website, www.vsarescue.org.

Follow VSA on Facebook at [vsarescue](https://www.facebook.com/vsarescue).

Spay and Neuter Vouchers--VSA issues low-cost spay and neuter vouchers that are accepted by 12 Naples veterinary clinics. Vouchers are for cats and dogs. Call Phyllis at 239 290-6274 for details.

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

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

VSA Offers Its Thank You--VSA appreciates the three veterinary clinics that assist VSA with its neighborhood cat spay and neuter program.

These clinics are Animalife Veterinary Clinic, 2171 Pine Ridge Road, 239 513-1777; Mission Hills Veterinary Center, 7550 Mission Hills Road, 239 435-1222; and Town and Country Animal Hospital, 1828 Santa Barbara Blvd., 239 353-5060.

VSA's free program, founded in 2008, focuses on unowned cats that are either unsocialized or are socialized but have been abandoned. Many are not spayed or neutered, and significantly add to cat overpopulation in Collier County with their offspring.

Call Phyllis at 239 290-6274 to inquire about obtaining a voucher which is required before contacting these veterinary clinics.



Veterinary assistant students who assisted at VSA's fall shot clinic. They attend the Lorenzo Walker Technical College. Dr. Becker, the program's instructor, is on the left



Ruth Stirling (standing at left) works with volunteer nurses she recruits to prepare vaccine syringes with the proper dosages at VSA shot clinics.

Ruth, a long-time VSA volunteer and former president, also is a retired registered nurse. VSA's volunteer veterinarians administer up to 500 vaccines at the clinics. They have administered 6,620 vaccines at VSA clinics in the past 9 years.

There are three VSA clinics each year, two in Golden Gate and one in Immokalee. For many animals, the VSA clinic is only time they are examined by a veterinarian.

Memorials and Honorary Donations

**In Memory of
Bill Baugher, Mendy Gordon's Dad,
who dearly loved his cat, Gracie,
by Lisa and Joe Curran**

**In Memory of
Philly Boy
by Patty Philpula**

**In Memory of
Philly Boy
by Helen Imo**

**In Memory of
Philly
by Janice Thomas**

**In Memory of Lannie Newell's
Gentle Cat, Hobie,
by Janice Thomas**

**In Memory of Nadine and Bill
Cornett's Sweetgirl, Ballot,
by Sondra Rice**

**In Memory of Julie and Shea Fuller's
Penney
by Sondra Rice**

**In Memory of our
cat Whitey
by Steve and Susan Cox**

**In Honor of
Jeanne Castaldini's Birthday
by
Helen Imo**

**In Appreciation to
the Many VSA Volunteers Who**

- **Care for Kittens and Cats
at VSA's Adoption Center**
- **Foster our Kittens and Cats**
- **Assist with Adoptions**
- **Assist at VSA's Shot Clinics**
- **Assist with VSA Events
Such as Pars for Paws**

by Phyllis Estes

**In Memory of
Jackson E. Bard
A Long-Time Animal Lover
by
Robert L. Godfrey**

**In Memory of
Edmund
By
Amber Frederikson**

**In Memory of
Annie, Squirt, Bootsie, and Boo
by
Lisa Tomko**

**VSA only asks for donation
annually in the fall. A donation
envelope is enclosed with this
newsletter.**

**Your donation will have a
direct impact on VSA improving
and saving the lives of homeless
animals.**

**Memorials and honorariums
will be included in the winter,
2018, newsletter.**

Thank you

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



Waiting at VSA's Fall Shot Clinic

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, 2255 Pine Ridge Road (next to Home Depot) and PetSmart, 2415 Tarpon Blvd., Unit #2 (next to Target on Immokalee Road). VSA volunteers are at the adoption centers on Saturdays and Sundays, 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Available kittens also can viewed anytime at www.vsarescue.org. Call 239 290-6274 with questions and if interested in adoption.

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

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