

### Hey! Did you double your gift at work?



Allstate, Duke Energy, Coca Cola, Exxon, General Electric, Geico and Publix are just a few of the companies that match their employees' charitable giving. Check in with your human resources department to see if your donations to SPCA Tampa Bay can be matched. Need help with the paperwork to make it happen? Give us a call at 727.499.0367.

### Leave a Legacy for the Animals

Animal lovers like you have helped SPCA Tampa Bay transform the lives of animals in our community for 83 years. You can help us continue to do so for decades to come by planning a gift from your estate.

We've partnered with **FreeWill**, a tool that can help you get started. It's a secure, online estate planning resource that guides you through the process of creating your will. You'll find all the details online at [www.freewill.com/spcatampabay](http://www.freewill.com/spcatampabay).

*FreeWill* is ideal for people with simple estate needs — it's important to talk with an estate planning attorney if your situation is more complex.

Whether you use *FreeWill* or work with an attorney, creating a plan for your estate gives you a chance to leave a legacy for animals and the people who love them.

For more information, please contact our Director of Philanthropy at 727.581.3249 or [giftplanning@spcatampabay.org](mailto:giftplanning@spcatampabay.org).



### Shelter Wish List

**WHAT WE CAN USE:**

- Paper towels
- Newspaper
- Towels and wash cloths
- Flat sheets/light blankets
- Enrichment toys for pocket pets

**WHAT WE CANNOT USE:**

- Medical supplies/medication
- Open pet food
- Grain-free food or treats
- Fitted sheets
- Bulky comforters

Visit the "Donate to a Shelter" page on [www.chewy.com](http://www.chewy.com) via the Give Back tab to find our Wish List.



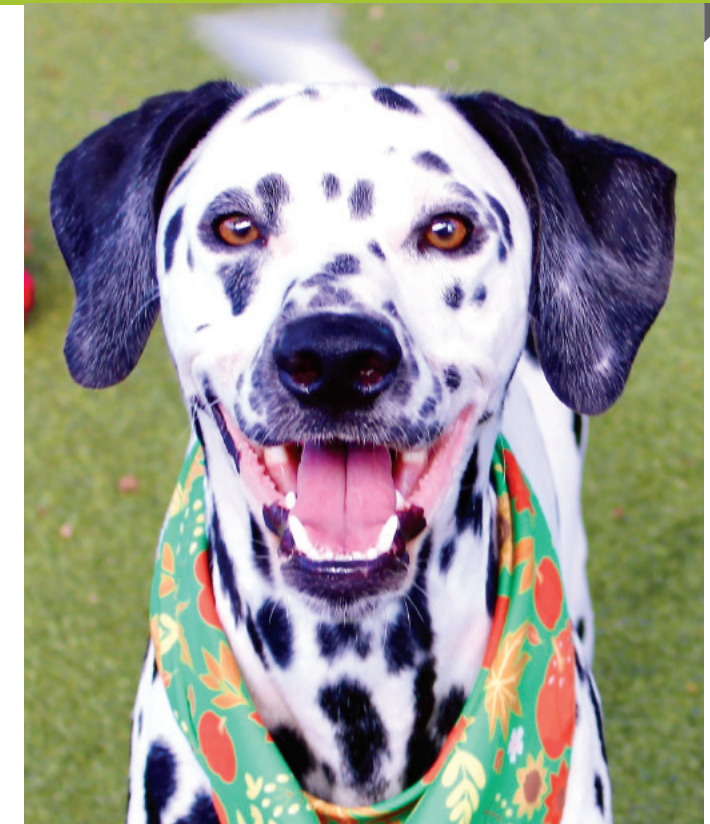
# PAUSE FOR PAWS

## Pets for Patriots Feature: Spooky

A dog photo on Instagram caught my eye recently because it said, "All dogs are therapy dogs, some of them are just freelancing."

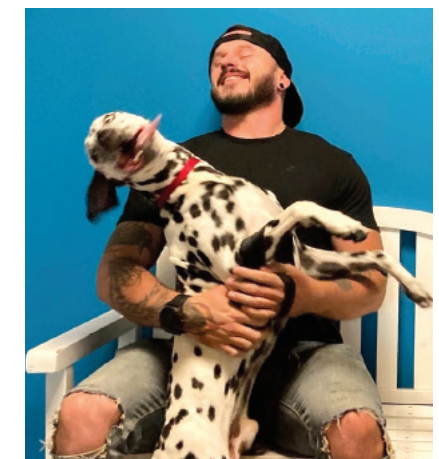
The truth made me smile. Studies have proven time and again that pet ownership is good for us. We all understand how it feels to have that unconditional love welcome you as you come through your door at home, and it doesn't have to be a dog. Scientists noted the benefits are evident regardless of the species. They discovered a decrease in blood pressure and overall anxiety happens naturally when we love on our pets.

In our community, our veterans and our first responders deserve the health benefits – mental and physical – that come with pet ownership. That's why we support the **Pets for Patriots** program, waiving adoption fees for veterans who come to us to adopt. Pets for Patriots helps veterans find, adopt, and care for their new best friends.



Veterans who adopt through Pets for Patriots receive a range of benefits to reduce the lifetime costs of having a pet and to nurture the person-pet bond. Here at our Largo shelter, a special match was made when a young veteran came in looking for an adventure buddy. Our adoption counselors immediately thought of the young Dalmatian up for adoption. "Spooky" had been with us for about two weeks, and everyone noted his exuberant spirit.

It was love at first full-body hug, as Spooky immediately stood on his hind legs and began licking his new best friend in the face. **YOU make adoption match stories like this possible with your support!**



### SPCA TAMPA BAY LOCATIONS

#### LARGO SHELTER

9099 130th Avenue North, Largo, FL 33773  
727.586.3591

#### VETERINARY CENTER

3250 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33713  
727.220.1770

### LEARN MORE about SPCA TAMPA BAY

[spcatampabay.org](http://spcatampabay.org)

[facebook.com/SPCATampaBay](https://facebook.com/SPCATampaBay)

[instagram.com/spcatampabay](https://instagram.com/spcatampabay)

[youtube.com/spcatampabay](https://youtube.com/spcatampabay)

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OUR VISION

Create a community where every animal matters.

OUR MISSION

Through passionate collaboration with our community, we transform the lives of animals.



# TAILS of GRATITUDE 2023

Your support and gifts helped our For-All shelter and pet hospital transform the lives of thousands of animals in our community. Our doors are open for all animals, regardless of species, breed, age, size, behavior or medical condition, **THANKS TO YOU!**



## YOU GAVE HOPE to Animals & People in Need



235 shelter volunteers gave 17,150 hours caring for shelter animals and providing foster homes.



Transferred 1,017 animals to our facility to help relieve overcrowding at partner shelters.



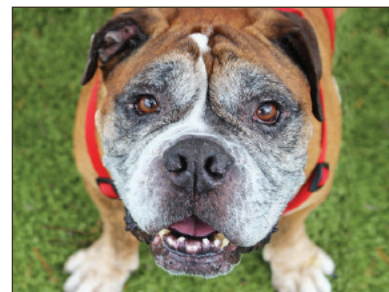
625 pets received loving care from our foster families.

Sheltered 6,337 homeless dogs, cats, parrots, hamsters, ducks, and even pigs!



102 team members on 2 campuses provided shelter and care for homeless, sick, injured, or baby animals of all kinds.

Rescued over 2,119 injured & orphaned wildlife in collaboration with local veterinary & rehab partners.

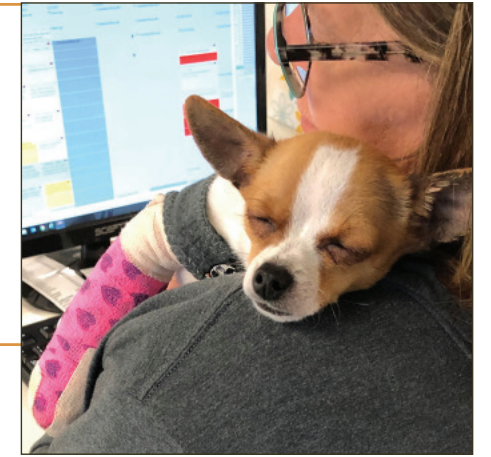


212 Diamond Dogs (7+ years old) received additional bloodwork to help best care for them.

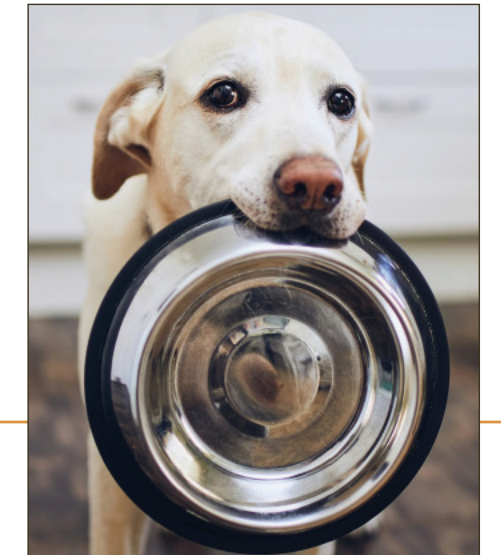


Performed 3,177 spay/neuter procedures for both owned pets and homeless pets.

\$13,382 in donor-funded grants helped struggling families pay for their pets' life-saving medical care.



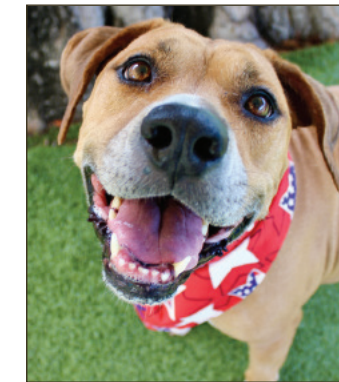
593 walkers on 72 Pet Walk teams raised \$170,000 to support shelter programs.



3,174 households received assistance from our two Pet Food Banks, feeding more than 5,000 owned pets.



The Day of Giving Fund Drive reached 1.9 million homes and brought in more than \$129,000 to care for homeless pets.



66 dogs treated for Heartworm.

Our women's giving society, W.A.G.S., has 27 members who contributed \$17,500 for our Animal Welfare program.

