

# PAUSE FOR PAWS



You helped  
Grampy  
find his  
way home!

## WHILE THE PANDEMIC SHUTTERED BUSINESSES AND KEPT PEOPLE HOME,

the elderly owner of eleven Chihuahuas was hospitalized and no longer able to care for her pets. Because of donors like you, SPCA Tampa Bay was able to step in, bring the dogs to the shelter, and provide much needed medical and behavioral care.

One of the pups was 8-year-old Grampy. Weighing in at less than two pounds, he needed round-the-clock care to overcome several serious medical issues. His tiny size made it very important that his medication was administered properly. Over the next four weeks, an SPCA Tampa Bay team member cared for Grampy in her home and office, and we all watched him overcome small obstacles and show big improvement each day.

During her volunteer shifts, long-time volunteer and SPCA Tampa Bay ambassador, Valerie Brehm, couldn't help but notice tiny, mighty, adorable Grampy and fell in love. Because of you, Valerie's family now has four extra paws and big love for a tiny guy.



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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.



## Even iguanas find a home at SPCA Tampa Bay

**GREEN IGUANAS ARE AN INVASIVE SPECIES IN FLORIDA** and not native to our state. While the state allows them as pets, not every family is equipped to handle these complex creatures, especially when they can grow to over five feet long! Their invasive species status and familiarity with humans make release illegal, leaving overwhelmed owners with few resources.

In 2010, Lenné Nicklaus founded Gulf Coast Iguana Sanctuary (GCIS) to provide iguana owners an option to care for their former pets. In 2019, the site of the sanctuary was sold, and Lenné needed to find a new location for the sanctuary's 20-plus green, orange, and blue iguanas.

**Thanks to donors like you who support our For-All mission, we were able to bring them to our shelter in Largo!** Lenné worked with us to create a specially-designed enclosure and make sure the iguanas could be comfortable. We partnered with Lema Construction to complete the project in December 2019.

**THANK YOU** for helping with this and other projects. Without your continued support, we would not have been able to consider this sanctuary.

In January, SPCA Tampa Bay staff began their "iguana care" trainings. Together with an experienced iguana veterinarian, Lenné went over what to expect from a large group of cohabitating iguanas, the best foods to feed them, and the safest handling techniques. The iguanas arrived in February, and it took several weeks for our new friends to adjust to the big change. **Because donors like Lenné and you believe in our For-All mission, our iguanas now have a new home.**

### How to donate items & others ways to help support the animals

**Please bring your donations to:**

SPCA Tampa Bay • 9099 130th Avenue North • Largo, FL 33773

**Donation Hours:**

Wednesday–Friday: 1:00pm–7:00pm | Saturday–Sunday: 10:00am–6:00pm

**Can't make it out to the shelter and want to donate supplies?**

Order from our Amazon Wish List and have it shipped straight to SPCA Tampa Bay.

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### 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**

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please follow us on our Facebook page and website for a list of events, including "live" virtual events. Listings include dog training, shelter tours, fundraising events, volunteer opportunities, and so much more.

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**PET WALK**

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You made our first Virtual Pet Walk  
a success, raising over \$70,000!



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## Every animal matters FROM MARTHA'S DESK

**FOR 80 YEARS**, we have worked to bring joy to people and animals. Yet we have struggled to explain our intake model and shelter philosophy without using industry jargon like “open admission.”

Last year, driven by our mission to create a community where every animal matters, our team looked for a new way to describe this philosophy. We wanted to find simple language that would resonate with our donors, volunteers, adopters, surrenderers, media, and the community. After a thorough process, we landed on a phrase that says just what we mean: SPCA Tampa Bay is a “for-all” shelter.

What is a for-all shelter? Being a for-all shelter means that SPCA Tampa Bay will not limit admission or refuse to take in a pet. Our decisions are guided by the belief that every animal matters, and we are driven by the well-being and safety of all animals and people in our community.

As a for-all shelter, we are here to assist animals and people when they need it, without judgement. Animal welfare organizations can do more for animals and people when they combine their talents and resources. It's our goal to work together with other shelter organizations and to create a community where every animal matters.

Thoughtfully, *Martha*



**CATS ARE MY CHOSEN PET**—from age five until now, a cat has always been a part of my family. My feline friends often act silly, making me laugh when I need a smile. Cats have an uncanny knack for knowing just when they need to get in our laps and purr. Now, more than ever, my cats bring me so much comfort.

Helping animals that can't help themselves, and knowing they will bring love and joy to other families, led me to support SPCA more than 20 years ago. Today, I proudly donate monthly, participate in fundraising events, and volunteer hours of my time. I am #ForAllStrong.

## Overwhelmed cat owner finds support at SPCA Tampa Bay

**WHILE THE PANDEMIC WAS HEATING UP**, we received a call from a woman living with a large number of cats. Caring for them was quickly becoming a hardship for her as Pinellas County shut down just weeks before a state-wide safer-at-home order was issued.

As an essential service, our intake team was still in place, and we were able to arrange a full transport for her. We arrived with enough vans, carriers, and equipment to bring all 34 cats to our Largo campus. Some of the cats needed medical care but many were able to move to our adoption floor quickly.

**Our virtual adoptions even enabled some to find homes during the quarantine!**



**Because of your support, we are able to continue to offer many vital services to our community, even in the face of COVID-19.**

We modified many of our procedures to accommodate social distancing, and we update them regularly to comply with CDC guidelines. We continue to be a safe place for people who are experiencing sudden unemployment, hospitalization, or other events that affect their ability to care for their pets.



**OUR PETS ARE PART OF OUR FAMILY.** We worry what will happen to them if we are no longer able to care for them. The SPCA Tampa Bay Legacy of Love Communal Pet Trust is a legal, financial vehicle owned and maintained by the experts at SPCA Tampa Bay. It differs from a “traditional” pet trust because many members are funding this trust rather than just one pet owner. Funds in your Pet Trust Account follow your pet to their new home. The SPCA Legacy of Love Pet Trust allows you to create the trust now and fund the majority of the account with your estate.

You can also join an upcoming **PLANNED GIVING/PET TRUST SEMINAR** to learn more. Seminars are free but reservations are requested. Upcoming dates are **September 13, 2020** and **November 6, 2020.**

Visit our website at [SPCATampaBay.org](http://SPCATampaBay.org) for more info.

To learn more about our **LEGACY OF LOVE COMMUNAL PET TRUST**, please contact Jennifer Gross, Director of Philanthropy at (727) 581-3249 or [JGross@SPCATampaBay.org](mailto:JGross@SPCATampaBay.org).



Do you have a pet plan?