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*Training Service Dogs
For Veterans*

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2019



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Giving Tuesday

Why should you give?

There are 22 military/veteran suicides a day; one every 66 minutes.

A service dog can help alleviate suffering from a mental or physical disability with trained tasks.

A dog also gives his or her handler a reason to get out of the house and keep living.

#GivingTuesday 12/3/19

Why should you give?

PTSD affects 5.2 adult Americans.

A veteran suffering with PTSD may feel isolated and not accepted.

A service dog helps build trust again and a person suffering with PTSD can begin to incorporate more wholly back into life.

#GivingTuesday 12/3/19

Why should you give?

People affected by a traumatic event will have reactions that include shock, anger, nervousness, fear and guilt. For people with PTSD, these feelings commonly become so intense that some individuals cannot lead a normal personal, professional or social life.

Dogs For Life hosts PTSD support groups for veterans and non-veterans every Saturday at 11:00 am.

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Why should you give?

A person that suffers from PTSD may be re-traumatized by a nightmare triggered by a traumatic event.

A service dog can interrupt that nightmare by pulling off the person's blanket or by turning on lights.

The dog will then help the person recover by remaining calm and quiet to give confidence and solace that there is no threat.

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NOVEMBER

Graduates





American Goldstar Mothers of IRC Walk-A-Thon









WALK-A-THON FOR MILITARY SUICIDE AWARENESS

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 16, 2019

Presented by
American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.
Indian River County Chapter



Doughnut Truck

Patriotic Art
Auction!

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WALKING
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Walking Tree Brewery

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

For more information contact Michelle Dale or Kim Palazzolo at michdaleircgoldstarmoms@gmail.com or visit our Facebook and web pages at [@ircgoldstarmoms](https://www.facebook.com/ircgoldstarmoms) and www.ircgoldstarmoms.org

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OCTOBER

Howl-O-Ween Article



PEOPLE



Costumed canines delight at Howl-O-Ween Pawrade

BY MARY SCHENKEL
Staff Writer

It began raining cats and dogs just as the recent Dogs for Life Howl-O-Ween Pawrade was about to start, but in true show-must-go-on fashion, Shelly Ferger, DFL founder/CEO, decided to hold the whole event indoors.

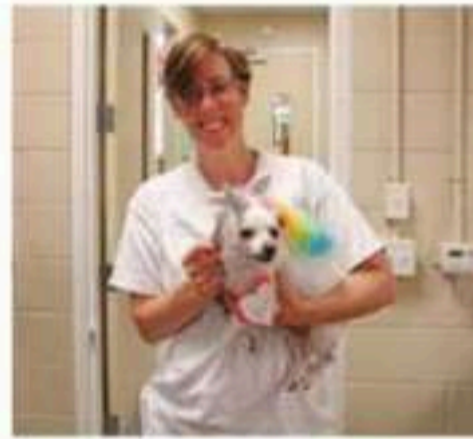
Thanks to tropical storm Nestor, Ferger had already moved the informational vendors and raffle items inside but now even the parade of adorably costumed pooches would be an indoor affair. Patient pups stood nose to tail as the Next Gen Color Guard led the way, before making their way around the room to the delight of the packed crowd.

Lion manes were the costumes of choice for DFL-trained service dogs Coco and Arrow. Al Cabral said Coco was trained for hearing and PTSD, and JoAnn Tindol said Arrow was trained to help husband Earl by opening doors, picking up and retrieving items and helping him to stand up.



Earl Tindol with Arrow.

PHOTOS: KALA JONES



Amanda Krieger with Frita.



Cassie Ford with Savannah.



Kevin Rockwell with Honey.

Rex the 'Wookiee-doodle,' prancing alongside Helen Gaillard as 'Princess Leia,' needed only a car-bine collar to complete his look; the 9-month-old golden doodle already had a coat as curly as Chewbacca.

"You made a bad event better," Ferger told the crowd. "I just want to thank everyone who came out in spite of the weather to make this event successful."

DFL, certified by Assistance Dogs International and recognized by the U. S. Department of Veteran Affairs, provides specialized training for service and hearing dogs.

There are currently 50 service dogs being trained, half of those for veterans.

Board president Kathi Schumann said they actually support 100 dogs, because certifications need to be renewed yearly, and they also provide medical insurance for all of the dogs to ensure they're well cared for.

For more information, visit dogs-forlifefvb.org. ■

18th Howl-O-Ween Pet Expo









Veterans Helping Veterans Show



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THURSDAY 5 TO 530 ET

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PTSD Panel





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Bonz holds this golden Good Girl in high esteem

Written by: Bonzo August 01 2019





JULY

Bonz & Elvis

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Four Vero Beach Newsweekly

PETS

Bonz says Elvis is a cool 'cat' ... and so are his sibs



Hi Dog Buddies!

There's also-wooden-lutely No Chance I'll EVER get bored in this job.

This week I interviewed Elvis, a Tree-walker Coonhound/Blue Heeler mix (yep, he climbs ackshudl THREES: I saw a PICK-shunt) an his brothers, who are of the feline puzruasion: Bingo, a gray an white Manx; an Yoda, a Mohave Bobcat. (Yoda, I admit, gave me PAWS.) They moved down here from Tennessee last August.

Soon as we knocked, there was click-ty-clicking of toenails and some woofs. When their Mom opened the door, Elvis zoomed up, very frensy an excited. After the Wag-an Staff, he joyfully bounced up on my assistant, by way of greetng.

"HI, MR. BONZ! I'M SO EXCITED CUZ WE'RE HAVIN' AN INNERVIEW! I NEVER HAD ONE BEFORE! Is it some-thing to EAT? I hope it isn't broccoli."

His Mom told him sternly to get down, which he did. For 2 seconds. After a few jump up-get downs, he said, "I'm s'pose to be the speakspooch. Come on, over here!" (We followed him into the living room and got situated.)

"No worries," I assured Elvis. "It isn't broccoli. See?" I showed him my note-book. "You tell me about yourselves an I write it down right here." He sniffed the pages with his wet nose.

"Cool!" In between bestowing frensy nose-bumps on my assistant, he said, "This is our Mom, Kimberley Mann, she's a Navy veter-run. We're real proud of her. An over there," he indicated a tidy little cat with a musodo-lookin' coat, who had settled in next to their Mom! "that's Bingo."

"Ya, Bonz, yep!" said the little cat.

"Great to meet you all," I said. "Isn't there another ..."

"Oh, yeah, Yoda," Elvis said. "He's watchin' us right this very minute. He's

miss-TEARY-us! An BARE! a special mix of Desert Lynx an Selkirk Rex. We all get along great, but," Elvis leaned over and lowered his voice, "he's got - SEE-cruts."

"Yep!" nodded Bingo. "SEE-cruts!"

"Ah, so." I got a little chill, an looked around, then up. At the very top of one of those cool kibbles cat tree things with the comfy carpet platforms, two big, bright yellow eyes peered down at me from within what seemed like a dark cloud of fur. Very woo-woo.

"Welcome to our home, you are," the fur cloud said.

"Thank you, Mr. Yoda, sir," I replied. Before I could gather my thoughts enough to ask a question, he had vanished. "Wood is he always ..."

"Yep," replied Elvis. "Like I said - mis-TEARY-us! So, can I tell you about us so you can write stuff down?"

I looked back at the top of the cat tree where Yoda wasn't, then told Elvis, "I'm ready. Go for it!" I opened my slightly moist notebook.

"Well, me an some other puppies were found inna box on the side of the road, in Tennessee. We got taken to a pet store to be re-homed (what the humans called it). That's where Mom found me. I was so liddle, I got my very first bath in the kitchen sink. Mom named me Elvis cuzza a pick-shunt she saw of that human called Elvis who usta sing. He was holdin' a pooch that looked zack-ly like me. PLUS, I'm a hound, an that human Elvis hadda song about a hound dog, Cool Kibbles, doncha think?"

"Totally."

"I'm training to be Mom's Emotional Support Dog cuz she has a Service-Connected Disability, like lotsa other humans from the military do. I'm attending a special school at Dogs for Life. I know I'm still pretty young and, maybe still a teeny bit bouncy, and I guess I do jump up on occasion, it's just that I really

love humans. But I'm getting bedder at remembering stuff. An I know my job's important. At Dogs For Life, we learn how to help our veteran moms or dads in special ways other humans can't. It's a Big Responsibility."

"You're so right, Elvis," I told him, with sincerity. "That's very mush-CHUR of you. Do you have any special pals?"

"We love Gramma Hoy; Bingo's my Total Bestie; an I also hang out with Emma. We usta live together. Now we have intsa play-dates. We look 'zactly alike." (He showed me a pick-shunt. They totally do.) "I also have playdates with Ari an Branco, Portuguese Waddler Dogs. Don't tell (he lowered his voice again) ... Ari's my girfren."

"My lips are sealed," I promised. "So, tell me about Bingo."

"I'll take it from here," Bingo piped up. "Mom found me at the Humane Society. I'm a Manx, maybe you noticed (he turned around) ... see! no tail."

It was true.

"Wazna know how I got my name? See, Mom likes that ol' song about a dog named Bingo, and she thought (equal opportunity, ya know) why shouldn't a cat get that name, too? So here I am,



Bingo! B.L.N.G.O.

"Hey, Bing, tell Bonz about the Sox Tpl-soche."

"Seriously? You had-da bring THAT up?" Bingo said. "Flse there! So, I had this sorta THING, whenever I saw one of Mom's sox, I had an overwhelming urge to drown it in my waddler bowl. So I kept snatching her sox and plopping them into the waddler bowl. Nobody knows why. An, by the way, ol' Elvis here usta chew stuff up so bad (mostly Mom's shoes, and the occasional table leg) that he had-da go in his crate when Mom wasn't around."

"But soggy sox and chewed-up shoes are (mostly) in the past," said Elvis.

"A very happy, blended family, we are," came a voice from atop the Cat Tree.

Heading home, I was feelin' like a Very Lucky Dog, having such a fun job.

The Bonz 

Don't Be Shy

We are always looking for pets with interesting stories.

To set up an interview, email bonztothecolumnist@gmail.com.

Veterans Council of IRC Donation

DFL Board President Kathi G. Schumann extends her generosity to the Veterans Council of Indian River County. "We are stronger together." ~ Kathi G. Schumann





JUNE

The Sound of String

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Ruck for Our Veterans March

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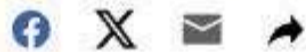
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LUMINARIES

Do you give a 'ruck' about veterans? Join June 29 march in Vero Beach

Nicole Haagenson Special to TCPalm

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On June 29, the [Next Generation Veterans of Indian River County](#) is hosting a Ruck for Our Veterans march to raise money for local veterans and for the "Words From War" monument that will be built near [Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary](#) in Vero Beach.

A ruck march in the military is way to move personnel and their gear from point A to point B in an expeditious fashion. The Ruck for Our Veterans event is a 5-mile brisk walk with weighted backpacks. The group is asking the community to bring non-perishable food items to wear in their rucks for the march. Afterward, those food items will be collected and donated to the [Indian River Charitable Association Food Pantry](#) in downtown Vero Beach.

"This is our fourth ruck march for Indian



Next Generation Veterans of Indian River County's first Ruck March in 2017. This year Next Generation Veterans of Indian River County is hosting a Ruck for Our Veterans march on June 29 to raise money for the "Words From War" monument that will be built near Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary in Vero Beach. *Bruce Cady/Special To TCPalm*





Ruck for Our Veterans

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All sponsors will be announced at the event and mentioned on our social media.



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Provide water bottles for participants
Sponsor provided sign hung at event
4 Ruck registration fees



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Provide food at the end of the Ruck
Sponsor provided sign hung at event
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Sponsor a Veteran

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Contact Nicole Haagenson for more details.
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Shelly's Birthday





MAY

Memorial Day







APRIL

American Gold Star Mothers of IRC Installation Ceremony





2019 Awards Ceremony and Graduation





Red White and Blue Concert







MARCH

Veterans Training Veterans Workshop



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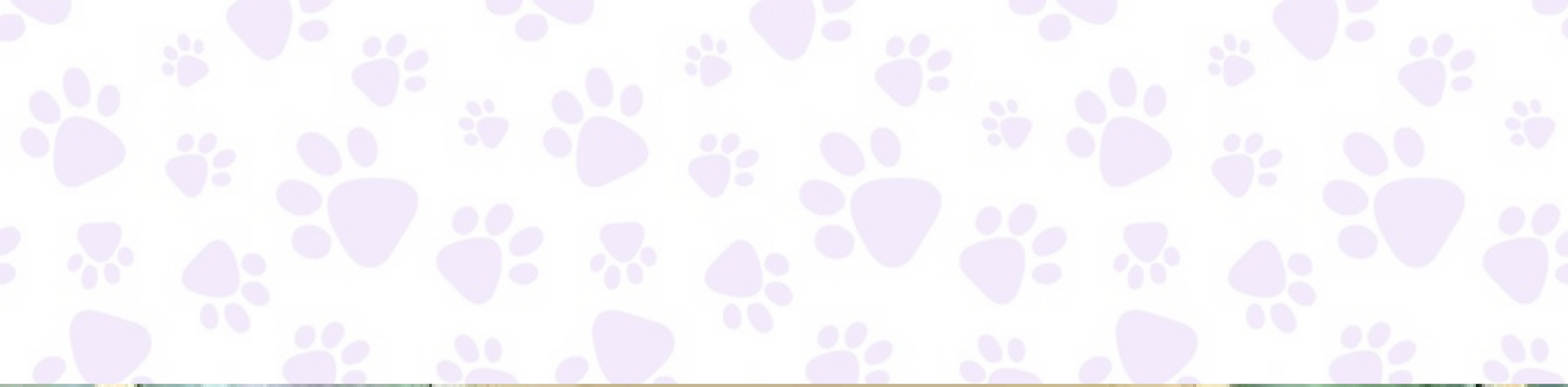
Vero Beach Centennial: Dogs for Life flourishes with support of Vero Beach philanthropist Kathi Schumann

Shelly Feger Special to TCPalm

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Dogs for Life Inc. is indebted to Vero Beach philanthropist Kathi G. Schumann for her generosity toward this nonprofit organization founded to improve the quality of life for people, especially veterans, and dogs through the training of service and



Elevator and Stairs Training at Vero Beaach Regional Airport







FEBRUARY

Bridge Tournament





Publix Training Outing







JANUARY

Indian River Woodcarver's Annual Presentation



Purple Heart Cane Ceremony | January 26



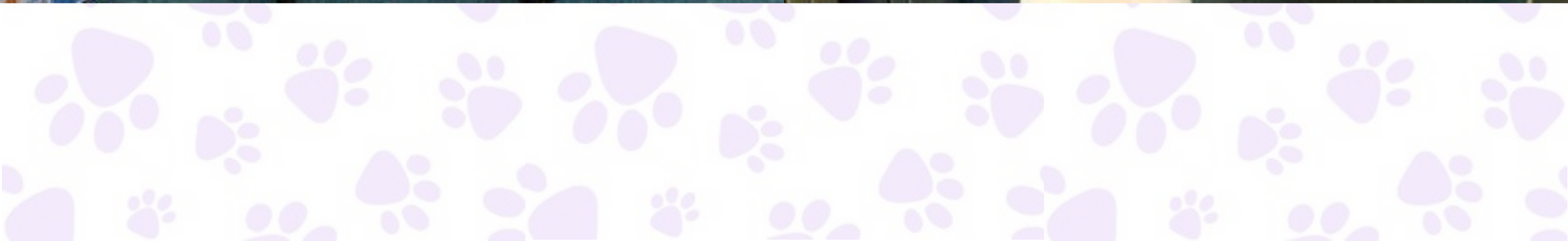


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Practice in Public Spaces





Bark in the Park

