

# A HOPE MEWSWORTHY

June 2021 Edition



## WHAT ARE WE UP TO?

Join us in celebrating a HUGE milestone this month! Thanks to our dedicated fosters, volunteers, and community donors, we passed 1,000 LIVES SAVED through our rescue and rehabilitation program on May 16. None of these animals would be as happy and healthy as they are today without people like you stepping up and putting in the work.

And we're nowhere close to slowing down! In May alone, 34 new cats and 2 new ratties joined the A HOPE family. Our hearts and our foster homes are full to bursting!

We helped 45 precious animals find their forever in May, too! It may be hard to say goodbye to these little cuties sometimes, but we know each one is happy, loved, and thriving. To all our adopters, enjoy your new family members and have a WONDERFUL life!



With so many lives impacted, it's hard to believe rescue and rehabilitation is only a small part of what we do. We have so many programs, and each of them is essential to the animals of this community!

Through our bi-weekly transports to Operation Spay Bay in Panama City (plus 1 extra trip this past month), we made spay/neuter services accessible for 163 cats and 7 dogs. That's 170 animals that won't have unwanted litters now!

**A HOPE at the  
Blue Wahoos game!**



This month's Bowl Fillers was a huge success thanks to community donations, too. We wound up with no Bowl Fillers sponsor in May, but we were still able to provide local seniors with much-needed pet food through Meals on Wheels because of your donations! We gave away 221 pounds of dog food and 101 pounds of cat food to 10 families with 14 dogs and 16 cats.

We can't say this enough: **THANK YOU** for your support! We couldn't do it without you!



## THE LEAVENWORTH TEAM

**Thank you to the title sponsor of the  
Puttin' Fore Paws Golf Tournament:**

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Our Pet Food Pantry had an extra special May. Volunteers came out on Mother's Day to help provide food for 7 families with 10 dogs and 10 cats. Thanks to your donations, we gave out 181 pounds of dry dog food and 51 pounds of dry cat food, plus 43 cans of wet food, 4 packages of flea and tick medicine, puppy pads, and treats. The real kicker? We were COMPLETELY out of dog food only a few days before Pantry day. But our awesome community came through, and we ended up with plenty of supplies to feed these animals in need.



**Kitten yoga at Your Pace Yoga**

But wait...there's more! We put the FUN in fundraising last month. Volunteers worked concessions at two Blue Wahoos games, and in return, a portion of the proceeds for both nights were donated to further our mission. Thank you, Blue Wahoos, for letting us participate!

Thanks to Your Pace Yoga, too, for partnering with us on our Kitten Yoga fundraiser. We had a blast, and we hope you did, too! Stay tuned, because we might do it again in the future!

Want to join in on our next FUNdraiser? Good news! We have our first ever Puttin' Fore Paws Golf Tournament coming up on June 18th! 100% of the proceeds from the event will go toward construction of our future affordable spay/neuter clinic in our county. Learn more at [www.ahope4src.com/golf](http://www.ahope4src.com/golf).



# SUNDAY'S CHILD

INVESTING IN DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

You can support us, too! There is ALWAYS something you can do. A very special young lady named Kahlenna knows that better than anyone.

Kahlenna's mom, Cristy Hardy, held a donation drive for A HOPE with her co-workers at WUWF. Kahlenna heard about the drive and contributed her own money to buy much-needed supplies. We appreciate kind-hearted community members like Kahlenna SO much. She sets a great example for all of us!

## WHO HELPED?

The exciting news never ends around here! We talk a lot about our transports to Operation Spay Bay and how helpful this service is in preventing unwanted births. Now, we're a finalist for a grant from Sunday's Child that would let us purchase a brand new van! With this grant, we could help fix more animals than ever. Thanks so much for your consideration and support, Sunday's Child!

### Kahlenna and Cristy Hardy



**Congratulations to our May Volunteer of the Month:**

**Sioux Hepburn**

As always, we absolutely have to acknowledge the tireless volunteers that run these events, process these donations, take care of our animals, keep us organized, and more! Just like there's no end to our exciting news, there's no end to the work that goes into making it happen. Are you ready to be impressed? Our volunteers put in 3,025 HOURS in May! Amazing job, everyone!

Want to join our team? Right now, we need van drivers, web designers, fosters, and people to work the help desk. Tell us how you can help at [www.ahope4src.com/volunteer](http://www.ahope4src.com/volunteer).

## WHO'S LOOKING FOR FOREVER?



**Iris and Ivy**

Here's what Iris and Ivy's foster mom had to say about them:

"Iris is totally the Queen and Ivy is the sweet one. They are super curious and really want to be part of the family. They are very playful and will spend hours just chasing each other back and forth and batting toys around. But then when they get worn out, they curl up together, and it's so sweet."



**Ivy**



**Iris**

Both sisters have suffered from seizures in the past and need to take an anti-seizure pill twice a day, but they're pros at it! They'll gobble up their meds with a treat or a little wet food.

Does your family have room for endless love from not one but TWO incredible companions? Iris and Ivy would love to come home with you, and we promise you'll love it, too! Apply to adopt two of our best girls at [www.ahope4src.com/takehome](http://www.ahope4src.com/takehome).



## WHAT DO WE NEED?

Greatest donation needs:

- Clumping and non-clumping cat litter
- Royal Canin Baby Cat mousse
- Fancy Feast chicken wet food for kittens

You can find these supplies and other items we need on our website at [www.ahope4src.com/donate](http://www.ahope4src.com/donate). You can also send or drop off any donations at the Paw Pad at 5755 Washington St, Milton, FL 32570.

We appreciate everything you give in order for us to continue our mission!

## HOPE'S HEROES

A huge THANK YOU to our May donors:

Kari James Foust  
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## TAIL ME ABOUT IT!

**Narelle asks: I love my fat cat Bandit, but he's the fussiest cat I've ever had when it comes to eating. He only likes the "best" dried pellet food. I've tried to feed him everything I can think of, including tinned wet cat foods, but he doesn't want any of it. Any suggestions as to how to get him to eat some protein instead of just dried food all the time?**

Did you know that well-balanced dry foods have all the protein your cat needs? And that's not all! As long as you choose a "complete" dry food like IAMS Healthy Adult (which is what we feed our adult kitties), your cat can get all his or her nutrients from dry food. Plus, the crunchy texture prevents plaque build-up and supports dental health.

So, if dry food is all your kitty will eat, that's perfectly fine! Cats have sharp instincts, and they know what they need.

One notable downside of dry food: It doesn't provide any moisture. If your cat eats a diet of all or mostly dry food, it's important to make sure he or she drinks plenty of water every day. Encourage your cat to drink more water by:

- Setting up multiple drinking stations
- Purchasing a cat water fountain that keeps the water constantly in motion
- Keeping your cat's water far away from its litterbox

Basically, it sounds like Bandit is doing just fine. Keep feeding him his favorite dry food, pay attention to how much water he's drinking, and you're good.

**Do you have questions?  
We want to answer them!  
Send any inquiries to  
ahopenews@gmail.com, and  
maybe we'll answer yours in  
next month's Tail Me About It!**

