



HUMANE HAPPENINGS

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Because It Matters ...



On May 10th at the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, staff and volunteers proudly signed a Resolution Accepting the Ten Keys to Civility:

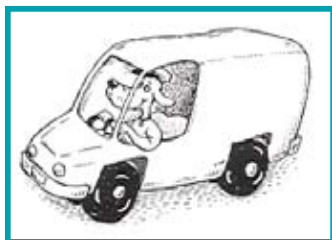
- Civility
- Respect others
- Think positively
- Pay attention
- Make a difference
- Speak kindly
- Say thank you
- Accept others
- Rediscover silence
- Listen
- Keep your cool

The intent of this inspiring declaration is to promote civility and consideration in our daily lives; visit www.becauseitmatters.net to read about the increasingly popular interest and support for this initiative. Because we at Suncoast Humane Society understand that “humane” is not just about being kind to animals, and because we appreciate the significant role animals play in our lives and, conversely, our importance in the lives of animals, we have adopted an eleventh key to civility; Be Humane. It has been said that how we treat our animals is reflective of how we treat each other.

Let us all be Humane.



Pet Meals on Wheels ...



Recently, Phil Snyder and Martha Blenner wholeheartedly agreed to the need of adding a pet food component to our local Meals on Wheels Program. Suncoast Humane Society will join their efforts to feed those in need. Martha Blenner, Director of Englewood’s Meals on Wheels Program, said her volunteers deliver approximately 106 – 120 meals per day, six days a week to seniors who are homebound and/or handicapped. Some of these recipients have a pet which also needs nourishment and that’s where we hope to come in. Many of our generous donors bring in dog and cat food to our shelter. This is a perfect avenue to help feed

those precious companions of our senior shut-in’s. Research shows how animals can improve and help a person’s emotional and physical well-being. This parallels the latter part of our own mission statement; “Suncoast Humane Society exists to reduce the number of homeless animals and **improve the quality of human and animal life through their companionship.**” Sometimes a loving pet is the key element or sole means of companionship for some of our elderly community members.

To be a “humane society” is to act with “tenderness, compassion, and sympathy for people and animals, especially for the suffering or distressed”. Here at Suncoast Humane Society we believe in and practice this concept and are motivated by our concern with the alleviation of suffering. Please join us in our new endeavor to feed the pets of our local seniors who rely on the Meals on Wheels Program for their

nutritional needs. You can help us help them by dropping off unopened bags/cans of dog and/or cat food at our shelter. If we can successfully supply the local demand, we have a vision to extend this helping hand to the North Port and Venice area seniors as well.

If you would like to help us in our efforts, please drop off unopened pet food at our shelter.

Some of the brands we need are:

- Beneful
- Friskies
- Hill’s Science Diet
- Iams
- Kibbles & Bits Small
- Meow Mix
- Ol’Roy
- Pedigree
- Pedigree Small Bites
- Purina
- Purina Little Bites
- Purina Special Diet