

*LIFE prides itself on helping those in need and for being the champion
for those who cannot speak but who enrich our lives
and every day make us a little more ... human.*

A New "Leash" on Life Edition



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Dear Friends,

As you may remember, a few years ago I was honored to make a \$1.5 million gift to Tri-County Animal Rescue to endow its new 9,000-square-foot state-of-the-art, fully equipped veterinary center. The facility, which I can proudly say now bears my name, is the only clinic that offers low-cost, and many times free, health and medical services to thousands of low-income families in Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties who cannot afford such vital care for their pets. In the four years, it has been open, the Lois Pope Pet Clinic has treated more than 20,000 animals.



The Lois Pope Pet Clinic at Tri-County Animal Rescue provides hope for animals in need.

I bring this up because I learned recently from our dear friend and Board member, Suzi Goldsmith, about Parker- a Shih Tzu found on the Tri-County grounds after being thrown over the fence like a piece of trash in the middle of the night.

Parker's hair was matted all over her body, and it was thick with feces and urine. The mats around her face were so tight they kept her eyes open -- she wasn't even able to blink -- and she was in so much pain she yelped when someone touched her. She had to be sedated just to have three pounds of her matted hair removed. And once the hair was gone, Tri-County doctors were able to see just how neglected Parker had been: sores all over her body, many with maggots crawling through them, as well as anemia, infection, parasites, and dehydration.

Yet, without the expertise, resources, and specialized equipment at the Lois Pope Pet Clinic, Parker may have become just another statistic -- one of an astonishing 10 million animals who are abused to death each year. Moreover, without the Pet Clinic, animals who have been displaced or lost due to hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, flooding, and other extreme weather conditions may not be rescued or receive the care they need. And thanks to the Pet Clinic, pets don't have to be abandoned because their owners lack access to affordable medical care.

For all these reasons – and for all that the Lois Pope Pet Clinic still needs to do to treat and save dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, and other animals, I immediately said “yes” when Suzi asked me to serve as the chairperson of Tri-County’s Brunch and Bark on Sunday, Nov. 20 at Trump International. How could I not help such an impressive and indispensable organization fulfill its mission?

Now, I’m asking you, my dear friends, to consider lending your support to this wonderful – and essential – event. Become a sponsor, buy a table, purchase tickets, make a donation – whatever you do will be so greatly appreciated. For tickets to Tri-County Animal Rescue’s Brunch & Bark please call Amanda Lawrence or Suzi Goldsmith at 561.482.8110.

Together we can bring to life the words of Mahatma Gandhi: “The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”

I have proof: Parker is striving to do well. She is recovering and getting healthy and could be available for adoption as soon as this month! In fact, if a picture does indeed tell a thousand words, here are before and after photos of Parker, as well as some of the other pets cared for by the Lois Pope Pet Clinic at Tri-County Animal Rescue.

As always with love,

Lois



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From Our LIFE Friends

Our friend and partner, Dr. Robin Ganzert, president of American Humane, sent me a note and recent photos of one of the 50-foot rescue trucks I sponsored that was deployed to Eastern Kentucky in the wake of catastrophic flooding that killed dozens of people and displaced thousands of residents from their homes. There, on the ground, AH first responders provided aid to animals and relief organizations in real time. Congratulations and thank you to the entire AH team!



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Parker the day she was found and brought to the Lois Pope Pet Clinic, and today . . . happy, thriving and on a walk!



Egypt came to the Lois Pope Pet Clinic as a stray. The person who found her fell in love with her and wanted to keep her. The new owner was in financial need, so she was taken as a pro-bono case. Egypt entered care with the worst case of mastitis the staff had ever seen. After two surgeries, Egypt is still in the clinic healing but is happy and healthy. Her owner is so grateful that we were able to help her in her time of need. Cases like Egypt are why donors are so important to the community.



Little Fern was born at the Lois Pope Pet Clinic. She was the runt of the litter and, when she was only five weeks old, Fern was found one morning cold and unresponsive in the room with her siblings and mother. They had kicked her out of the pen. Fern's temperature was so low it would not read on a thermometer. With heat support, her temperature returned to normal. Unfortunately, that was not the end of Fern's troubles. She was having difficulty maintaining her blood glucose levels and body temperature. After the Clinic staff discovered that Fern's red blood cells were fighting each other, she received an emergency blood transfusion that saved her life. Now she is a happy and healthy girl!