



## Welcome to our first newsletter

About FLAS: We are a 501c3 facility dedicated to the delivery of humane and responsive animal care and control services for our community. We receive all stray, abandoned, and surrendered pets in the City of Florence and also Lauderdale County. We work in partnership with fosters, volunteers, local adopters, and various rescues to rehome thousands of homeless animals every year. To find out more about FLAS or to see current animals for adoption or foster, please click on the following link: [https://florenceal.org/public\\_safety/adoption\\_program.php](https://florenceal.org/public_safety/adoption_program.php)

## Why Adopt?

Here are just a few of the reasons why it is better to adopt a pet than to buy:

1. **Save a life:** The number of animals euthanized annually could be reduced dramatically. The pet you adopt is saved as well as the animal that takes its place in the shelter. Congratulations you just saved 2 lives!
2. **Cost:** When you adopt from FLAS your animal has been vaccinated and neutered/spayed. Shopping for a pet at a pet store or breeder costs thousands of dollars and you are supporting puppy mills.
3. **You won't be supporting puppy mills:** the females are kept in cages and bred over and over until they are no longer useful and they are then discarded. The surroundings are unsanitary and many of the puppies have behavioral and health issues.
4. **Feel better:** It has been proven that pets provide therapeutic benefits to their human families. Pets give unconditional love and can help with our emotional well-being. They also help with our physical well-being by taking us on walks, runs, hikes, and swims. They will put a smile on your face.



Pictured above is Paige Smallwood with her newly adopted best friend, Smoke. Paige couldn't contain her excitement while she was at the shelter finalizing Smoke's adoption. She had been waiting for the right time to adopt and she finally found Smoke.

Congratulations to Paige and Smoke!!

## Employee Spotlight

This month's employee spotlight is on Chris. Chris has a BS in Criminal Justice from UNA and started working for FLAS in July 2019. Some of the things Chris loves about his job are: helping people find their perfect companion; helping neglected animals find a caring, loving home; having adopted animals visit the shelter with their new families and seeing how happy they are; and watching sick/injured animals get healthy while under the care of FLAS staff. Chris also has a special skill and passion of giving scared and anxious animals a caring friend while they are at the shelter.



# There's still time to purchase our 2020 Dogs and Cats of Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services Calendar

\$25

All proceeds support the shelter

Available at the shelter now

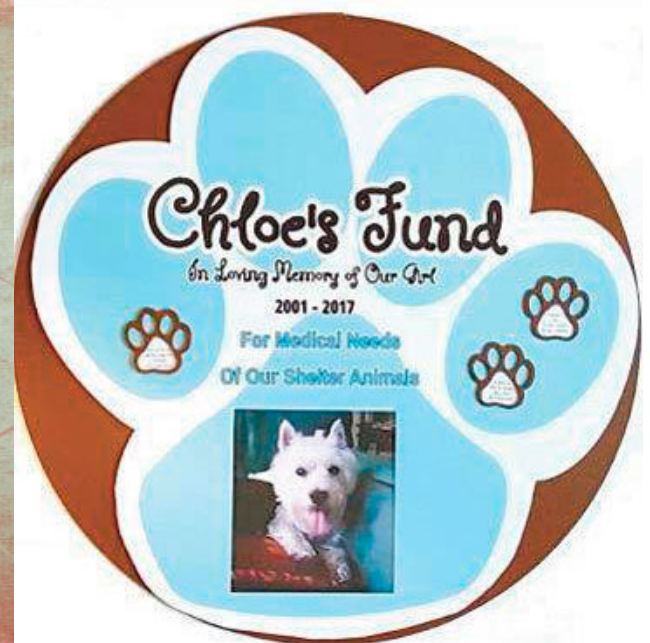
Get your copy before they're all gone!!



## Upcoming Events

### Chloe's Fund Bakesale

Chloe's fund is a donation-based foundation to provide medical needs to the animals of the Florence Lauderdale Animal Services. This fund allows necessary medical treatment without delay. Please show your support at the next bakesale on February 14th at the Florence Lauderdale Federal Bldg. 102 Court Street, from 8a - 2p.



## Contact Information

## Florence Lauderdale Animal Services

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Click the link for further information on Adopting, Fostering, and Volunteering

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