

Our History:

A small but enthusiastic group of dog owners created "Manatee Citizens for off Leash Areas" in 1999. We realized that our illegal off leash areas to walk our dogs were being developed by builders and the open areas were disappearing. Whenever we walked them in the park we were harassed and chased out of the parks by non-pet loving walkers and joggers who didn't want us there. MCOLA needed a place to run their dogs.

Through our petition drive and conversations with animal lovers throughout the county, a new passion was developing among our members. We were beginning to recognize the problems with animal welfare that existed in Manatee County. We began a relationship with our County Animal Services and were mortified with the number of animals being euthanized, that were healthy, adoptable cats and dogs. We decided that this was our next major project.

We set out to do what we could to help Manatee County Animal Service's ailing and misconceived image. We assisted in arranging a transfer agreement between Animal Services and the Humane Society of Manatee County in order to transfer some animals to their shelter or to foster homes. We donated food to the Humane Society of Manatee County, Bishop ASPCA and individuals that were doing their own rescues such as feeding feral cats and to wildlife organizations. In initiating and working these programs we became cognizant of the fact that we were forming a Network. In addition these organizations were now starting to work in cooperation with each other, rather than in competition with each other. We have truly become a network of animal caregivers and this is why we decided to amend our name to reflect what we have become.

Thus the name Animal Network, Inc.

Our Board of Directors:

Laurie Crawford **President**

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Wendy Crawford **Treasurer**

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Animal Network would like to thank EVERYONE, who is involved in "Helping People Help Animals" There are way too many to list here. Most of you do not want a pat on the back, you just want a smile on an animals face. Through your support, cash and hard work we have become a Network.

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Our Programs:

Hope for Tails "Hope for Tails" is a program to furnish toys, blankets and treats to animals in our local shelters and rescues. That is it, plain and simple. Most shelters and rescues are dealing with major medical and operating costs for our homeless animals on a daily basis and actually are forced to choose between physical health over mental stimulation. They simply cannot afford a toy or blanket for these animals. The rescued wait months and sometimes years for their new homes, with no toys and with nothing to do.

We can give these animals a toy and something to do while they wait, but we need your help. Contact Terrilyn at 941-238-7810
terrilyn@animalnetworkinc.com

Kitty Corner We always have kittens and cats available for adoption. We also help run and support local TNR programs, where entire feral colonies are humanely trapped, vaccinated, and neutered by veterinarians. Adult cats are returned to their familiar habitat to live out their lives. TNR works by gradually reducing cat populations and virtually eliminating nuisance behaviors associated with breeding, such as the yowling of females or the spraying of toms.

Contact Lindalee at (941) 729-2350 or
Landerson53@tampabay.rr.com

Kind News Adopt-A-Classroom Through the Adopt-a-Classroom program, humane agencies, civic groups, parents, and businesses "adopt" elementary-school classes by providing them with gift subscriptions to Humane Society United States Youth's award-winning classroom newspaper, *KIND News*.

Since the program's inception in 1985, participants have provided *KIND News* to millions of schoolchildren, enhancing humane education throughout the country. Contact Terrilyn at 941-238-7810

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Become A Volunteer:

Animal Network, Inc is always in need of motivated, self starters, who love animals. Since we do not have a physical shelter and are a Network of volunteers who jump into a current program or start their own program, you might check out what we do. We don't tell you to be somewhere on a particular date or time to assist us with a particular project, because that's not the type volunteer that we're looking for. However, if you enjoy a challenge and have great ideas, then we can use your help. Have you been thinking about fostering an animal, have an idea you think will help animals, want to fund raise, or just plain want to assist in helping with the growing homeless animal population, then we can use your help?



Help Us Through Donations:

Animal Network, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization operated solely from donations. Animal Network, Inc. is a 501C3 non-profit; therefore, your donations are tax deductible.

Please send your donations to Animal Network, Inc. 1201 42nd. St. W.

Bradenton, FL 34205 You may go to <http://animalnetworkinc.com> to use your credit card. *Please specify if you would like your donation to go towards one of our special programs.*

Our Political Action:

Manatee Animal Coalition Animal Network is proud to have spearheaded the Manatee Animal Coalition (MAC). This group is made up of representatives from the 3 major shelters in our area, Manatee County Animal Services, Bishop Animal Shelter, Humane Society of Manatee County as well as Animal Network and occasionally there are representatives of other smaller animal welfare organizations from our community when invited to attend.

Manatee County Animal Services Advisory Board The President of Animal Network chairs the Manatee County Animal Services Advisory Board. It is made up of members of the community that are interested in animal welfare in Manatee County and is appointed by The Board of County Commissioners. The Advisory Board's primary purpose is to make recommendations to the commissioners regarding Animal Service's issues as well as ordinances, as well as other decisions that affect animals in Manatee County.

Animal Cruelty Team The Animal Cruelty Team (ACT) is made up of animal lovers in our community that deal with animal abuse in Manatee County. The ACT team follows animal cruelty cases from the arrest through sentencing. The team communicates with the states attorneys and let them know that we are the voice of the voiceless, the victims of cruelty. Occasionally, over the protest of defense attorneys, we are allowed to speak on behalf of the victims of these heinous crimes. Recently several of these defendants have had to serve jail time, which reflects a real change in our local judicial system. This hopefully will deter animal abusers from taking their frustrations out on innocent victims.