



Sheriff Carmine Marceno

Stance on Animal Cruelty

In April 2020, Sheriff Carmine Marceno announced an initiative to combat Animal Abuse within Lee County by establishing an Animal Cruelty Task Force, which will continue focusing on educating residents on animal abuse and neglect and enforcing Florida State Statute 828.12. The US Humane Society's website notes that a study conducted by the Chicago Police Department from 2001-2004 revealed "a startling propensity for offenders charged with crimes against animals to commit other violent offenses toward human victims." The Chicago Police Department study concluded 65% of individuals that have been arrested for crimes against animals have also been previously arrested for



battery on a person. This is just the tip of the iceberg; the US Humane Society's website informs that animal abuse is one of four predictors of domestic partner violence according to a six-year "gold standard" study conducted in 11 metropolitan cities. As such, Sheriff Marceno has selected experienced detectives to investigate all misdemeanor and felony animal abuse cases within the county. Sheriff Marceno has zero tolerance for animal abuse and will seek justice for those that cannot speak up for themselves.

What is Animal Abuse or neglect

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The intentional harm or cruel treatment of animal and failure to provide proper care, such as food, water, or shelter.



Dogfighting

Where dogs are forced to fight each other for entertainment or gambling.



Animal Hoarding

The compulsive accumulation of animals, resulting in neglect and poor living conditions.



Poor Nutrition

Failing to provide enough or healthy food, leading to malnutrition and health issues.



Lack of Veterinary Care

Not providing medical care for injuries, illness, or preventable conditions, causing suffering.



Overbreeding

Breeding animals irresponsibly, causing health issues and overcrowding.



Unsafe Conditions

Keeping animals in hazardous, unsanitary, or overcrowded environments

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More Examples!

Animal Cruelty Task Force

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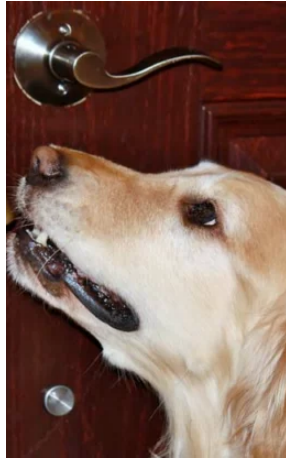
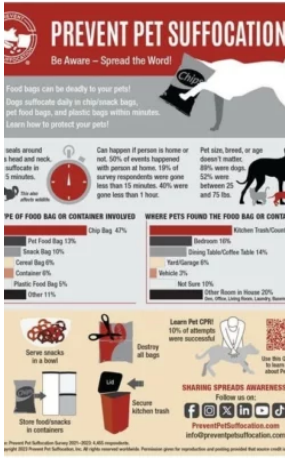
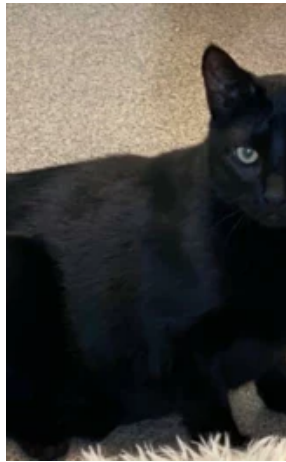
Richard Castellon

Lieutenant

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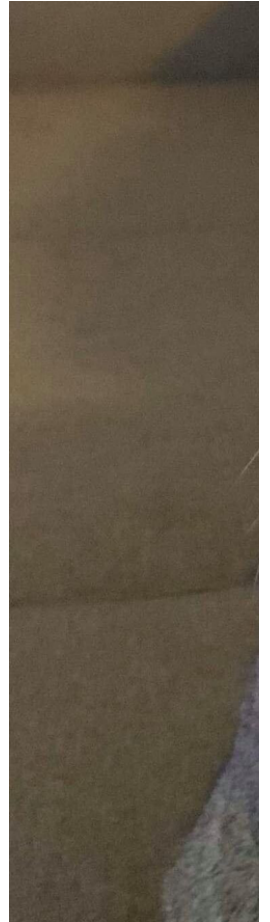
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Rescue Stories

On November 25, 2019, deputies responded to a citizen complaint of an individual throwing a knotted pillowcase out of a moving car that contained a cat in the middle of Petite Avenue in Lehigh Acres. Luckily, deputies arrived on the scene, rescued the cat, and brought it to LCDAS.

Elsa

ACTF Rescue Cat



Our Partners



Host of "Pit Bulls and Parolees"

Tia Torres

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Tia Torres, the host of "Pit Bulls and Parolees" on Animal Planet, expressed her support for the Animal Cruelty Task Force here at the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

She said, in part, "When I learned of the efforts being made in Lee County, Florida, by Sheriff Carmine Marceno, to investigate and prosecute animal abusers, I knew that I should lend a helping hand."

Sheriff Carmine Marceno created the Animal Cruelty Task Force to help protect those that cannot protect themselves. Since its implementation, it has been incredibly successful.

Tia Torres went on to say, "I applaud Sheriff Carmine Marceno for the creation of the Animal Cruelty Task Force."

Thank you, Tia, for your continued support. Together, we will help combat animal abuse and neglect everywhere.



Shelters

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These shelters are here to protect and care for animals in need. Help by adopting, donating, or bringing in an animal that needs help.



Gulf Coast Humane Society

2010 Arcadia Street,
Fort Myers, FL
33916 Phone: 239
332 0364



Cape Coral Animal Shelter

325 SW 2nd Avenue,
Cape Coral, FL
33991 Phone: 239
573 2002



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Make a Difference

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Take Action, Save Lives, and
Stand Up Against Animal
Cruelty

1. Adopt, Not Shop



We urge you to consider adopting your new family member from one of the local shelters listed. Not only will you be getting a new family member, but you will also be saving their life.

2. Foster



3. Become An Ambassador



***See Something, Say Something
Make The Call***

239-477-1622



***Abuse an animal in Lee County
and you WILL go to JAIL!***

-Sheriff Carmine Marceno



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239-477-
1500
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Jail)

239-477-
1700
(Corrections
Core)

239-477-
1299
(Hearing
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24hrs toll
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Lee County Clerk
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Headquarters

14750 Six Mile
Cypress, Fort
Myers, FL 33912

Main Jail

2115 Martin Luther
King Blvd, Fort
Myers, FL 33901