



Sit, Stay, Sip... & Save a Life

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to T.E.A.R.S. (Together Every Animal Receives Support), a support group for Seminole County Animal Services and to announce our fifth annual "Sit, Stay, Sip... & Save a Life" wine & food tasting experience.

TEARS Inc. is a volunteer-driven, 501(c)3 non-profit organization, founded to support abused, abandoned and relinquished animals within Seminole County Animal Services (SCAS) and other county facilities. Our mission is to work in unison with SCAS to improve both shelter living conditions and quality of life for these homeless animals. The aid TEARS provides is vital, since our county shelter is required to take in every animal both stray and owner surrender. Additionally, the shelter does not have an in-house veterinary clinic or funds to support its efforts, which is why TEARS was formed.

TEARS is proud to be hosting our fifth annual "Sit, Stay, Sip... & Save a Life" wine and food event on **Friday, March 10, 2017 from 5:00-8:00pm in the courtyard of Park Place at Heathrow Center.** Last year we raised over \$32,000 and we are proud to share with you a few of the many ways these funds were put to work:

- Since September 2010, TEARS has directly saved over 1,000 dogs and cats from euthanasia and has indirectly helped thousands more by providing aid to the facilities we work with.
- Completed the installation of eight very large industrial fans in the Seminole County Animal Services (SCAS) kennel adoption buildings to quell the spread of illness and provide comfort to the animals, employees & visitors to the shelter, during the hot summer months.
- Provided needed medical care for over **250 animals** that would not have otherwise received it.
- Increased cat adoptions at SCAS by 30% through the formation of T.E.A.R.S.' satellite adoption center at the Altamonte Springs PetCo. In total, **over 520 cats** have been saved and placed into new homes through this program.

In 2016, TEARS replaced all of Seminole County Animal Services air purification systems in the cat rooms. This greatly improved both the health and quality of life for the animals. For 2017, TEARS will be promoting healthy and safe pets, by offering sterilizations along with rabies vaccines and microchips, to those in need. Every animal TEARS "touches" is saved and *guaranteed* a new beginning. The goal of this, and every, year's event is to raise funds necessary to continue our mission.

How can you help? There are four primary ways that you and/or your company can support TEARS in our efforts. The details of available sponsorship options are provided on the attached page. In addition to sponsorship opportunities we also need Silent/Live Auction items for the event. Donor names will be displayed with the auction/raffle items and in the event program.

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 10, 2017 to enjoy a night with friends and family while helping your local community. We look forward to hearing from you soon. If you have any questions regarding TEARS or donating to our cause, please e-mail us at info@tearsofseminolecounty.org or call 407.314.1052.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Kris Buchanan
Founder & President

Michelle DuVall-Rubin
Vice President & Event Chair



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