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## FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

#### Hello fellow dog lover,

Every year the ranch grows and every year we save more lives because of your incredible support. In fact, we have now rescued more than 41,000 dogs and united countless families with their new forever friends.

With our growth we have become a global voice for the protection and proper treatment of dogs. Media coverage of our rescue of Miracle, the dog trapped beneath hurricane debris in the Bahamas, allowed us to spread the word that the Bahamas animals were in desperate need of help to millions of TV, magazine, newspaper and internet viewers around the globe.

From the Oval office in the White House I participated in a Presidential signing of the first U.S. law that makes animal abuse a federal crime. While there I personally asked the President to help us end the horrible China meat trade, an industry which commits untold atrocities each day.

In fact Big Dog Ranch Rescue sends teams to China on a regular basis to bring back precious lives that had been earmarked for slaughter houses. Our system of photographing dogs and creating their biographies in Asia prior to flying them here means that many are already adopted prior to their arrival. In addition, many breeds not readily available from the states find loving homes with families who have made specific requests.

As you can imagine this important work highlighting global animal abuse as well as deployment of rescue teams to disaster areas to feed family pets and rescue endangered shelter dogs comes at a cost. But the work we do is amplified as more and more people become aware of the issues and the real need to help a neighbor following a disaster who can barely feed their family let alone a much beloved pet.

We also believe in giving back to our community through education and support. From a new Veteran Service Dog Program to visits to nursing homes, from teaching the importance of spay neutering to the next generation to helping seniors care for their pets when they are unable, Big Dog Ranch Rescue is here for our neighbors.

I hope you will continue to "adopt" Big Dog Ranch Rescue as you're most important charity and that you will tell your friends about our mission. Your financial support allows us to continue daily operations and to shelter, heal and feed 500 dogs and 100 puppies each day. Please insure we can continue to save these precious dogs by donating now or becoming monthly donor to help us meet daily operational costs as the largest cage-free, no-kill rescue in the United States. I hope you will visit us and volunteer, foster or adopt.

Dog rescue is a 24/7 calling. We won't rest until every dog has a loving family and we end dog homelessness forever.

Gratefully, Lauree Simmons Founder and President, Big Dog Ranch Rescue

Lauree Simmons



## A DAY AT THE RANCH

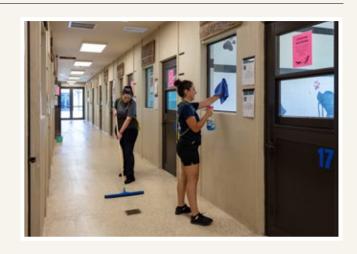
7:30am Daily Canine Care Specialist meeting to go over the day. Surgery, intakes, adoptions, and more.



7:45<sub>AM</sub> Dogs have breakfast and go out in the play yard



9:00<sub>AM</sub> (Left) Bath Time for some of the dogs! (Right) Canine Care Specialist cleans the bunkhouse.





9:30<sub>AM</sub> Transport picks up an urgent medical case from PBACC and delivers to Big Dog Ranch Rescue for an x-ray and exam. She has a broken leg so is sent to Orthopedic Surgeon



10:30<sub>AM</sub> Lox finds his forever home and goes with his new family.



11:15<sub>AM</sub> Our vet examines an urgent medical case that came in before he goes for X-Rays.

12:30<sub>PM</sub> Two new dogs come from Miami-Dade. They will be taken to medical for an intake exam.



1:00pm Puppy cabin cleaning and play time for the pups!



Playgroup time. We take the dogs out in shifts so they play with dogs at their energy level.



5:00pm Directors meeting to discuss changes made and check in on all departments.

## A VISION BECOMES A REALITY

#### A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Every aspect of our world-class, 33-acre campus has been designed to rescue homeless and abandoned dogs and to provide loving, emotional and medical care for thousands of dogs as we prepare them for their forever families. From the state of the art medical Intake and Quarantine

Buildings, designed so that no rooms share air to minimize cross contamination to Puppy Land, created for pregnant Moms to give birth to their litters in a stress free cabin with an attached play yard, the attention to detail of every corner of the Big Dog Ranch Rescue Campus is unparalleled.



## THE FIRST PHASE OF BUILDING IS COMPLETELY FUNDED!

We have built our 100 Cage-Free Bunk Rooms where our precious dogs live complete with four ½ acre Play Yards for exercise and a Meet and Greet Pavillion. Construction was also completed on the 5,000 s/f Veterinary Healing Center equipped with Digital Xray, Ultrasound, Dental Equipment and 3 surgery suites. The state-of-the-art Medical Isolation and Quarantine Buildings were erected and are serving hundreds of dogs every month. Finally, Puppy Land. The unmatched in quality puppy cabins for the moms and their pups are finished. The Visitor Center where all potential adopters, volunteers and staff are located, the Senior Sanctuary for Large Dogs where people enjoy the companionship and love that only a senior can provide, are also completed.

Funded and not yet completed is the Veteran Dog Training Lodge preparing rescue dogs to be service and companion dogs for Veterans and the Heart Hovuse for Spay and Neuter Recovery.







#### OPERATIONS BARN \$200,000

We currently rent mobile storage units to store everything from dog food to event supplies which is a huge expense for us. This new structure will include a refrigerated loading and storage area for all of our doggies' food. It will secure all of our Ranch equipment including kennels for our life-saving transports, lawn and landscaping equipment and ground repair equipment and tools. Your name could be on front of the 3,000 s/f barn!

#### PHYSICAL THERAPY BUILDING \$90,000

This special medical building dedicated to rehabilitation of our recovering rescues will house our Hyperbaric Chamber, Hydrotherapy Pool and Cold Laser Machine.

#### THE EDUCATION AND EVENT BARN \$1,000,000

This is a 9,500 square foot building designed to host thousands of people. It is open to the public for education on proper care and training of all animals, the importance of spaying and neutering pets and the impact of dog homelessness on our community. The Barn is also available as a rental for events such as weddings, birthday parties and school programs which will provide much needed funding for our life-saving operations.

Naming rights included, Building Structure - \$750,000 Catering Kitchen - \$100,000 Lake Veranda Porch - \$150,000

We are still seeking funding for the next phase of the vision and we can't do it without YOU!

#### SENIOR SANCTUARY FOR SMALL DOGS \$140.000

Senior dogs are the first to be euthanized at high-kill shelters. We value every life of our four and two legged senior citizens. This senior sanctuary will be home to seniors designated as 7+ by high-kill shelters, to provide a life of love and companionship. Our Seniors for Seniors program is designed to find homes for these beautiful furry souls with senior people. This sanctuary will house those precious seniors awaiting their perfect homes.

Building Structure \$110,000 Exercise Yards (4) \$10,000 each



# WHAT WE DO AND WHY WE ARE DIFFERENT

RESCUE

2

HEAL

CARE

HOPE

HOME

EDUCATE

• Daily Intake of Healthy, Sick and Injured Dogs

• Reduction of Euthanasia at High Kill Shelters

• Natural Disaster Rescue Missions

 Hoarding Cases with Law Enforcement and Owner Surrenders

• China Dog Meat Trade Rescues

- State of the Art Fully Equipped Veterinary
- Healing Center
- Full Time Veterinarian and Trained, Caring Staff
- Extensive Orthopedic Cases for Dogs Hit By Cars
- Skin Infection and Heartworm Treatments
- Saving Puppies from Parvo Disease
- Cage-Free Environment with Home Like Bunkrooms
- Focus on Nurturing the Soul and Mind of Rescues
- Four Beautiful 1/2 Acre Exercise Yards with Pools
- Extensive Socialization with Staff, Volunteers and Compatible Dogs
- Peaceful Space for Trauma Cases
- Basic Skills Training
- Private Cottages with Yards for Moms and Puppies in PUPPYLAND
- Peaceful Senior Sanctuaries
- Veteran Therapy Dog Training
- Low Cost Spay and Neuter
- Community Outreach and Support
- Education and Awareness
- + Open for Adoptions Every Day
- + Extensive Adoptor Vetting Process to Protect Dogs
- + Loving Team of K9 Care Specialists
- + Help Families Keep Pets Through Assistance Programs and Support
- + Unequalled Adoption Success Rate
- Importance of Spay/Neuter
- Proper Dog Care
- Interactive Community Programs
- Promotion of Local, National and Global Protection for Dogs



## SUPPORT AND EXPENSES 2019

We are so grateful to committed donors and colunteers, both individual and corporate whose generosily allows us to give a voice to the voiceless dogs who rely on us for their very lives.





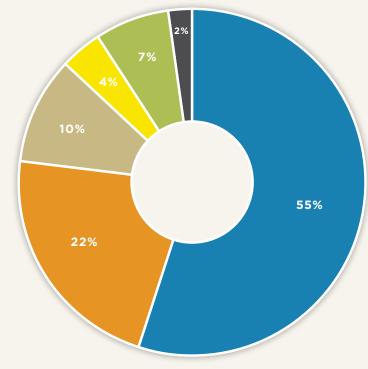


## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

CAPITAL FOR CONSTRUCTION	\$1,123,445.00	
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE		\$6,057,805.00
OTHER REVENUE	\$98,321.00	2%
IN KIND DONATIONS	\$411,858.00	7%
GRANTS	\$264,065.00	4%
ADOPTION FEES	\$635,325.00	10%
FUNDRAISING/MAJOR EVENTS	\$1,344,195.00	22%
DONATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS	\$3,304,041.00	55%



- ADOPTION FEE
- GRANTS
- IN KIND DONATIONS
- OTHER REVENUE



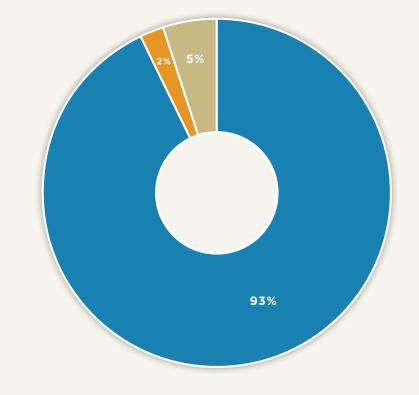
## **EXPENSES**

■ PROGRAMS & SERVICES FOR DOGS

FUNDRAISING/MAJOR EVENTS

■ GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES	\$761,650.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$5,218,372.00
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	\$262,357.00	5%
FUNDRAISING/MAJOR EVENTS	\$120,451.00	2%
PROGRAMS & SERVICES FOR DOGS	\$4,835,564.00	93%



## BIG DOG RANCH RESCUE FOUNDATION

## **GIVING SOCIETIES**

We are grateful to our elite group of philanthropists whose unwavering generosity to Big Dog Ranch Rescue allows us to save lives each and every day.















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THE FLEMING FAMILY FOUNDATION LAUREE AND BOB SIMMONS THRIS CLINE

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# **41,000 LIVES SAVED** SINCE 2008



100,000

PEOPLE EDUCATED BY
WALKING THROUGH
OUR DOORS

179
PARVO AFFECTED
PUPPIES SAVED

2,306
SPAY AND
NEUTERS

291
SOUTHEASTERN US
SHELTER SUPPORTED



734

HEARTWORM
POSITIVE DOGS
TREATED AND CURED

92

LIFE-SAVING ORTHOPEDIC
SURGERIES FOR DOGS
HIT BY CARS

222
PUPPIES BORN
AT THE RANCH

126
PREGNANT MOMS
RESCUED FROM



484

SURRENDERED DOGS FROM
PALM BEACH COUNTY

## CORPORATE

## PHILANTHROPY PARTNERS

For over 14 years, Philanthropy Partners like you have made it possible for us to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome thousands of homeless dogs every year. Thank you for your continued support.



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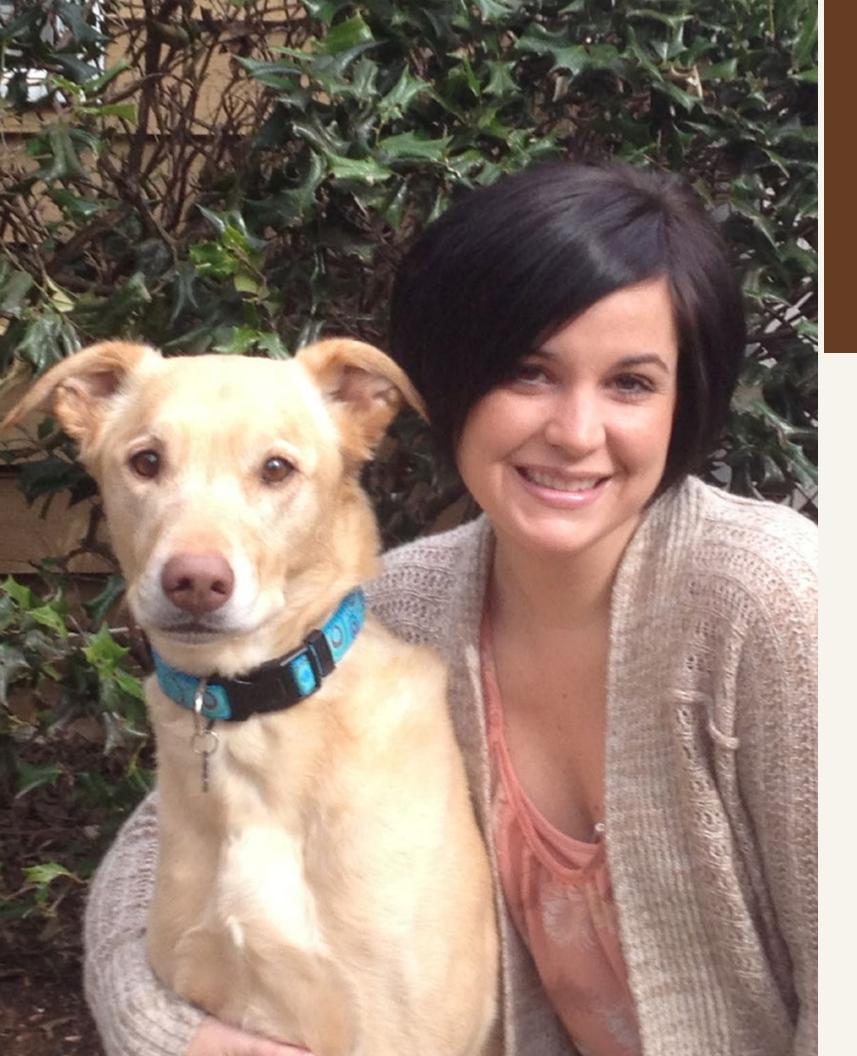
PALM BEACH AQUATICS
SOUTHERN GLAZERS WINE & SPIRITS
SISTER'S TOWING

#### \$10K+

BAKER VETERINARY CLINIC
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PALM BEACH ELECTRONICS
THE SHAGGY DOG

DOLLARS RAISED = LIVES SAVED





## **BIG DOG RESCUE** VETERINARIAN

## KATIE BILLMAIER, DVM

Dr. Katie Billmaier graduated from Ross University's College of Veterinary Medicine after earning her undergraduate degree in Biology from the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio. Before joining our team, Dr. Billmaier practiced in Northern Virginia and the metro Atlanta area and has also been a provider of in home euthanasia and hospice services. It wasn't until the past two years when she found her calling in rescue and shelter medicine. Her passion is being able to bring her years of experience in practice to help animals and clients in need who may not have received care otherwise. Combined with her love for shelter medicine and the beach, she found her forever home at Big Dog Ranch Rescue as our Medical Director.

#### What has been your favorite part of being the veterinarian at BDRR so far?

Putting in long hours and days of care and treatment to nurse an animal back to health and being able to watch them go to their new forever home is what makes every day at the Ranch worth it.

#### What made you decide to become a veterinarian?

Like many veterinarians, I have loved animals since I was a little girl. My senior year in high school I took part in a mentorship program for a semester shadowing at a local veterinary clinic and it was then that I knew there was nothing else I wanted to do except be a veterinarian. I never had a "Plan B" or backup plan because I knew this was the only career I could see myself in for the rest of my life.

#### What are the best ways to keep a dog healthy and happy?

Keeping a dog happy and healthy requires several things:

- + Routine veterinary care along with annual exams to ensure your pet remains healthy and protected from parasites and diseases.
- + A well balanced diet that is found in most commercial dry dog foods along with maintaining a healthy weight.
- + Daily exercise based on your pet's needs which may include: walks, swimming, running, fetch among many other activities.
- + Maintaining their coat with monthly baths or grooming services in addition to keeping their nails trimmed. Overgrown nails can cause pain and discomfort to your pet.

How many dogs do you help on average each week?

(examples: surgeries, heartworm, treatments, shots, etc.) At BDRR, we have over 500 dogs and 100 puppies on property that we have to oversee and care for. While every week is different, on average we perform approximately 75 spays/neuters, 15 heartworm treatments, 100+ vaccinations and hospitalize and treat at least 1-2 patients for severe illness/disease.

#### What tips do you have for senior dog owners? How do they need to take care of their dog differently? What age is a dog considered a "senior"?

Senior pets hold a very special place in my heart and can require additional special care as they begin to age. The general rule of thumb in regards to the age your pet becomes a senior is 7 years old. However, this varies tremendously based on the size of your dog. Smaller breeds (i.e. Poodles, Chihuahuas, Shih Tzus) generally live longer than giant breeds (i.e. Great Dane, Mastiff) so they may not begin to show signs of aging until 10-12 years of age whereas a giant breed may show signs at 5-6 years of age. Once your dog is considered a senior, it is ideal to have physical exams performed every 6 months by your veterinarian as well as annual bloodwork to ensure proper organ function. Our goal as veterinarians is to catch disease processes early while we can still manage and treat them as opposed to waiting until your pet becomes ill. Your senior dog may require changes in diet, supplements, daily medications based on their aging process; all of which will be tailored to their needs by your veterinarian. Other essentials to consider, as the most common senior ailment is arthritis, are: more bedding, ramps, and floor mats to aid in their mobility and provide additional comfort.

## VETERAN DOG TRAINING PROGRAM

At Big Dog Ranch Rescue, we are extremely grateful for the service of our veterans and active military. We strive to achieve optimal health benefits for veterans with dog-tohuman interaction, socialization, and community involvement. We offer reduced adoption fees and dog boarding to all military members and first responders. That's why we decided to roll out our Veteran Service Dog Training Program. This program allows our veteran dog trainers to prepare our dogs to become service dogs for veterans with PTSD. We are building a 3,400 square-foot training center for this purpose. Our goal is to have 50 dogs graduate this year, and ultimately work our way up to 250 dogs per year.



# 88 VETERANS INVOLVED IN VETERAN DOG TRAINING PROGRAM







## SENIORS FOR SENIORS PROGRAM

The mission of the Seniors for Seniors
Program is to harness the power of love
and healing by uniting senior citizens
with senior dogs. This program was
created to address one of the most
at-risk categories of canine populations
- senior dogs who are 7 years or older.
This volunteer-supported program
consists of two opportunities. First
is our supported adoption program,
which matches senior dogs with senior
citizens. Our goal is to place 250 dogs
with senior citizens each year. The
second opportunity is a visitation
program that is designed to promote
love and companionship in the most
supportive way. We are looking for
sponsors and volunteers to help launch
this valuable program.

119
SENIOR
DOGS SAVED

















## HURRICANE DISASTER

Located in South Florida, Big Dog Ranch Rescue, is no stranger to the annual threat of Hurricane Season. What we were not expecting or prepared for were unprecedented hurricanes that upended human and animal life. Back to back storms rampaged for several seasons in a row. This experience led our organization to become a leader in disaster relief during these trying times.

When Big Dog Ranch Rescue was founded "Hurricane Rescue" was not a part of the plan. However, our drive, passion and the unrelenting need to help heartbeats led us to expand our mission.

been on the frontlines assisting in Hurricane relief in Texas, North and South Carolina, Florida, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, the British Virgin Islands, and the Bahamas.

Our relief efforts during these unprecedented storms included the delivery of life-sustaining necessities such as food, water, medicine, diapers and building materials. We assisted in rebuilding shelters, animal hospitals, and staging locations, as well as mass sterilization efforts. Big Dog Ranch Rescue was able to reunify animal storm victims with their owners and rescue mass homeless animal populations.

You may remember Miracle the Dog and his heroic story of survival.

held onto life from under thousands of pounds of rubble as Hurricane Dorian ravaged his home. While searching for survivors, Big Dog Ranch Rescue's infrared drone system picked up the heat of his broken body from under a collapsed building - and an air conditioning unit. When they finally pulled him out, he was alive - but barely. Having survived purely on rainwater,

his body was skeletal. 50 percent of his body mass had been depleted and he was too broken and weak to move any portion of his body. His healing process both physically and emotionally was extremely extensive. He had to go through months of physical therapy - all while fighting his severe anemia and positive heartworm status. Miracle is safe and has recovered beautifully and now is living happily ever after with his lovely family. To this day, Big Dog Ranch Rescue continues to help urgent-care dogs like Miracle. The Miracle Fund was created in honor of this brave dog to support all of our urgent medical costs. Any donation to The Miracle Fund helps save the life of a dog in need of immediate medical assistance.

150,000 POLINDS OF

POUNDS OF EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES SENT TO THE BAHAMAS

183
DOGS EVACUATED FROM
HURRICANE DORIAN

**69**PETS REUNITED WITH THEIR

**2 VEHICLES SENT** TO ABACO AND FREEPORT HUMANE SOCIETIES

OWNERS FROM THE BAHAMAS

## CHINA DOG RESCUE

Big Dog Ranch Rescue receives countless requests annually for assistance with rescue missions, urgent medical cases, and more. We do all we can to help as many animals, individuals and organizations as possible. The heartwrenching reality is we cannot do it all. Before joining a cause or entering into a rescue mission we carefully weigh and measure our ability to truly make an impact. In early 2019 when Big Dog Ranch Rescue received an urgent plea from a shelter in China, we knew we had to help.

The call came in early 2019 and from that point on, our organization was forever changed. We received a plea from a shelter that had hundreds of dogs they narrowly saved from a Chinese dog meat factory, where they would have faced certain slaughter. After several weeks of investigating and developing a relationship with these brave rescuers halfway around the world we made a decision. They needed our help. We dispatched a team, led by Lauree Simmons, to bring these dogs to safety.

On March 28, 2019 we returned from China exhausted, armed with new knowledge, and with 37 beautiful and lucky dogs in our arms. Our mission at the ranch was permanently altered. We put together a team and a plan to support the ongoing rescues in China. Our new partner had been fighting this on their own for far too long. We also knew we had to expose to the public that these atrocities happen every day and these dogs need rescuing.

Since our involvement we have worked through diplomatic channels, publicized the barbaric practice in global news media, and to date we have saved over 1,000 dogs from the China meat markets. One year after our first rescue mission









"Once we knew the depth of pain, torture and widely acceptable practice of dog meat for human consumption. We could not turn our backs."

- Lauree Simmons

## AMERICA'S FIRST ANIMAL ANTI-CRUELTY LAW



## Nations First Animal Anti-Cruelty Bill Becomes New Law Big Dog Ranch Rescue Participates in White House Ceremony

On November 25, 2019 President Donald Trump signed the "Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act" that, for the first time, makes intentional acts of cruelty to animals a federal crime. As a leading nationally recognized advocate for animal rights and strong supporter of the measure, Big Dog Ranch Rescue Founder and President Lauree Simmons was invited to stand next to the President in the Oval office for this important ceremony. "I am so proud to be here and to be part of this event which sends a strong signal that cruelty to animals will not be tolerated in our country. Animals are precious gifts to us and members of our family and I thank President Trump and the members of congress who came together to pass this historic law protecting them." Simmons also encouraged the President to consider speaking with other countries to enact similar legislation with a focus on China where a vicious and inhumane dog meat trade is thriving.

the Chinese government has officially reclassified dogs from livestock to companion animals. This is a huge win, but there is still work to be done. We are optimistic that this signals the beginning of the end for consumption of dog meat as well as the horrific Yulin Dog Meat Festival.

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While in the oval office Simmons encouraged the President to include ending the China dog meat trade in his trade bill.

Big Dog Ranch Rescue will continue to speak out against this cruel practice until it is abolished everywhere. Until that day, we have dogs awaiting freedom flights to safety. They have been waiting for months and are fully health checked and vetted and will be brought safely to the US when global travel resumes.

Thirty million dogs are murdered annually around the world for human consumption, a third of which are killed in China. Big Dog Ranch Rescue won't stop until we end this antiquated tradition and ensure security for these precious lives.

## BARK BASH

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019

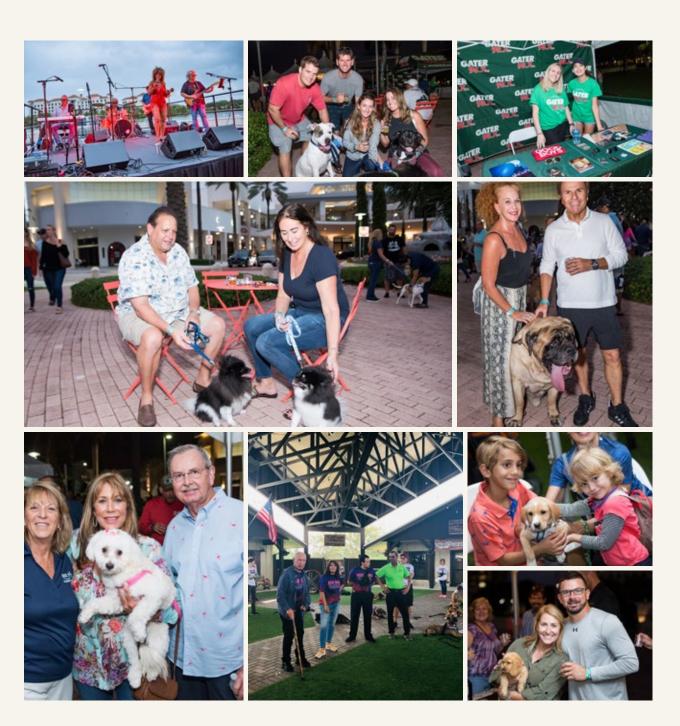
The season started again last year with a bash, the 11th Annual Winter Bark Bash. Trump National Golf Club, played host to the event held on December 6. Old friends reunited and new friends bonded over cocktails and tasty treats during the reception. Emcee duties were handled by WPTV entertainment reporter, T.A. Walker. Live music from the Spazmatics, put space on the dance floor at a premium. A special hello to our yearlong mascot named that evening, SLU Chaifetz and a very special appearance by the most famous dog in the world, Miracle and his new family.











## BARKS & BREWS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019

Over 300 supporters of Big Dog Ranch Rescue — some accompanied by their own canine companions — enjoyed unlimited beer tastings and food samplings at the second annual Barks and Brews at Downtown at the Gardens.

## CELEBRITY CHEFS **FOR CANINES**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019** 

The way to spend a Sunday evening! Enjoy foods prepared by the most renowned Chefs in the world! The Delray Beach Marriott hosts a culinary journey that begins with a variety of drinks and specialty dishes offered through-out the event area. As guests sample the foods they also enjoy live performers, view luxury auction items, and experience a variety of activities. An incredible seated dinner prepared by a celebrity chef follows as fine wines and live entertainment accompany the meal. Another premiere sell out in-season event.





## BIG DOGS VALENTINE'S **NIGHT OUT**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019

A romantic evening under the stars was both promised and delivered on Valentine's Night at the Inaugural Event held in the Big Dog Ranch Ballroom tent. Guests enjoyed cocktails outside in the Meet and Greet Pavilion, as singer/songwriter Wyatt Espalin entertained on a beautiful February 14th evening. Inside the western-themed Ballroom, guests watched in amazement as celebrity dog trainer, Sara Carson and her rescue Border Collie, Hero did backflips, front-flips and even jumped rope with one lucky guest. Ceremonies were hosted by Sirius-XM Prime Country and Surf Radio Host Kim Ashley. Danielle Bradbury, Season 4 Winner of the Voice and 2019 ACM New Female of the Year Nominee travelled from Nashville to perform for us and our dogs!



## WINE, WOMEN & SHOES

MARCH 9, 2019

Wine, Women, & Shoes is the premier midday event and the largest fashion show of the season featuring the hottest designers, fine wines, incredible shoes, and culinary masterpieces. Guests enjoy unequaled shopping experiences at the poolside boutiques, then go inside the elegant grand ballroom for live entertainment, lunch, the sexy and sophisticated runway event, and the



celebrity doggie fashion show. An after party boats the worlds' biggest chocolate bar and more opportunities to relax following a busy day. Guests leave with gift bags loaded with unique items and fashion accessories. Held each year at The Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach. The event sells out weeks in advance so purchase your table or line up a sponsorship for your company now.



# EDUCATION • STERILIZATION LEGISLATION

