

10TH ANNUAL Countdown 2 Zero

The 10th Annual *Countdown 2 Zero* (C2Z) mega pet adoption event took place at multiple locations in Palm Beach County. This year's event featured an updated model, as local rescues and shelters organized their promotions and events, partnering with pet stores and businesses or hosting events at their respective locations. A total of 191 animals found loving forever homes during the day-long event.

Organized by **Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League** and **Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control (PBCACC)**, the *Countdown 2 Zero* adoption event is a collaborative effort of a dozen local animal rescue organizations to save the lives of animals in Palm Beach County. To date, C2Z adoption events have found over 2700 animals their forever homes.

"We are so excited that 87 animals at Peggy Adams were adopted during the 10th Annual C2Z event," said **Sue Berry**, CEO of Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League. "All of the participating rescue groups were able to find forever homes for many of the animals in their care and are grateful to all those who came out to adopt."

Rescue organizations participating included **Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control, Ali Cat Rescue, Animal Rescue Force of South Florida, Barky Pines Animal Rescue & Sanctuary, Dezzy's Second Chance Animal Rescue, Furry Friends, GTS Husky Rescue, Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue, Palm Beach Parrot Rescue and Tri-County Animal Rescue.**

Sponsors of the 10th Annual C2Z event included **Polk Wealth Management Group, MetLife Pet Insurance, ShelterLuv, Scenthound, Nozzle Nolen Pest Solutions, Very Important Paws, Camp Rusty Dog Retreat, PetMeds, Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, PA, Inn the DogHouse, Velocity Community Credit Union, WPBF 25 News and Hubbard Radio Stations.**

Launched in 2014, *Countdown 2 Zero* is a public/private community collaboration initiated by Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, PBCACC, and the PBC Board of County Commissioners, to bring local animal welfare organizations together and end the euthanasia of adoptable animals in Palm Beach County. For more information visit countdown2zero.org or email info@countdown2zero.org.

Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League is a nonprofit organization that provides critical services to more than 35,000 animals each year and collaborates with local area rescues to expand the lifesaving work in Palm Beach County.

The Mission of the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League is to provide shelter to lost,



Peggy Adams staff with C2Z event adoption total of 87



Adopter Anaiz with Kendall



Adopters Laura and Kim



Adopters Mick and Brie with Nemo

homeless, and unwanted animals, to provide spay and neuter and other medical services for companion animals, and to care for, protect, and find quality homes for homeless and neglected companion animals, to advocate animal welfare, community involvement, and education to further the bond between people and animals. Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League has a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity navigator. Peggy Adams is an independent nonprofit animal rescue organization operating continuously since 1925. For more information and to donate visit PeggyAdams.org.

The mission of Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control is to encourage pet owners to be responsible for pets in their care by providing educational programs on humane treatment, animal behavior training, and proper control. Animal Care and Control offers safe

shelter and veterinary care for lost, abandoned, and unwanted animals; returns to owners or adopts to new homes as many impounded animals as possible; encourages spay/neuter by providing reduced-cost surgery for Palm Beach County pet owners. The agency also enforces county, state, and federal animal laws and conducts other effective programs which protect the health, safety, and welfare of animals and the residents of Palm Beach County. For more information visit pbcgov.com/animal.