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# Editorial: Paws for the Cause Thanks YOU

The first annual Paws for the Cause to benefit the Upper Keys Humane Society at MM 102 was a huge success. The money raised will go towards some much-needed building renovations. The Pirates on the Water group have volunteered to come in and paint the building and tile the floor. Dan Henderson, a local artist, has agreed to paint a mural on the front of the building... so watch for some changes.

We would like to dispel some rumors. The Upper Keys Humane Society at MM 102 does not discriminate based on breed or sex of dogs and cats. They rely solely on donations from the

public.

We, the residents of the Keys, are responsible to take care of our cast-away pets. Often people will drop off an unwanted pet over the fence at night. The first thing the shelter workers must do is get the animal medical treatment immediately so that they do not infect the other animals. Your donations make that possible.

Thank you to Alan Truesdell for organizing the fabulous entertainers and for performing himself. Also thank you to Brenda Starr, Jesse Kelsa, Jimmy & Deb Hawkins, Luke Sommer Glenn, Dave Bowman, John McKinna, Bobbe Brown,

Steve Venini and Capt. Dave, and Ted and Vivianne... all of whom who played their hearts out for our 4-legged friends.

Thank you to all the generous local businesses who contributed to our silent auction, and to Kitty Kruse, who gathered donations. Thank you to Kathy Miller, balloon artist, for entertaining us with her wonderful balloon creations... and to Iris for keeping track of the silent auction. Thank you to T-Toons for the great tee-shirts. Thank you to the Upper Keys Humane Society board of directors who donate their time all year and to Karla and Kelly and the

crew, who tenderly care for each and every animal.

Thank you to WORZ Ocean Reef Radio and Clear Channel for saturating the airways for the cause, to sponsors Keys Kritters and Tropical Springs Realty, and Island Information Services and the beautiful and talented Sue Beal who designed and donated our posters and tee-shirt artwork. Thank you to Gilbert's Resort and employees for taking excellent care of us.

Thank you to the participants of the Cutest Pet Contest and a great big thank you to everyone who came out and donated to the Paws for the Cause.

## It's Island Time!



Island Time is the Keys' newest on-the-water attraction. This 78-foot paddlewheel riverboat boasts two bars, climate-controlled dining salon, and a covered open-air upper deck. It can accommodate up to 124 passengers. Sailing the calm waters of Blackwater Sound provides unparalleled sunset views and dolphin sightings, all while listening to live music or local DJs.

The majestic riverboat offers two-hour sunset/starlight cruises, open to the general public, Friday and Saturday evenings, for only \$20. Island Time also has a free shuttle service for guests, so you don't have to worry about drinking and driving this holiday season. The Island Time Trolley can take up to 30 passengers and picks up at several hotels in the Key Largo area.

Island Time hosts 'Local's Night' on the last Friday of each month, providing free boarding to Monroe County residents. Saturday, December 8th is your chance to be a part of the Key Largo Boat Parade and have the best seat in the house. Enjoy dinner on board or just come as a spectator. Either way, you can see the holiday lights of Key Largo and dance the night away to the Reggae sounds of Jimmy Ray.

Why not book your Christmas party on the water this year? Island Time is available for full charter, seven days a week. Or, reserve just the dining salon for small groups of up to 60 guests. This season, celebrate a tropical Island holiday in the warmth and charm of this wooden paddlewheel riverboat.

Let's not forget the best New Year's Eve party on the water! Only \$65 lets you ring in 2013 with hot appetizers, party favors and champagne toast, while dancing under the stars to Evolution, South Florida's hottest Reggae band.

Steamers Key Largo - where Island Time departs and returns - is located just off the Jewfish Creek Bridge, Yacht Club Drive, next to the Anchorage Resort.

For more information or to make reservations, call 305-453-0001 or visit [www.IslandTimeCruises.com](http://www.IslandTimeCruises.com).

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