

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

PRE-VET MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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The Pre-Veterinary Medical Association (PVMA) is an on-campus club at FAU whose purpose is to act as an organizational forum for students interested in careers in veterinary medicine. The many objectives of the PVMA are to stimulate interest in diverse fields of veterinary medicine, to provide members with information regarding veterinary college requirements, to provide mentoring programs with area practitioners, and to develop community volunteer and educational opportunities that promote civic responsibility and leadership. Listed below, you can learn about some of the many programs and projects we have been working on to support people and pets in our community:

Ink/Toner Recycling Program, Ongoing

This recycling program provides a simple way for businesses and individuals to donate used ink and toner cartridges that the PVMA can turn into cash for donations. By donating used ink/toner cartridges, participants reduce waste in our landfills, support the PVMA and support local non-profit organizations with no impact on their wallets.

Wet Fest Slip-n-Slide Relay, Sept 15th, 6-7 PM

As part of Program Board's Wet Fest, this event gives us an opportunity to recruit new members from the incoming Freshman class at FAU and provides a fun-filled event for FAU staff and students to raise money for Folke Peterson Wildlife Center. Folke Peterson is a non-profit organization located in Wellington that is licensed by the state of Florida to provide care for sick, injured and orphaned native Florida wildlife.

Ocean Conservancy International Coastal Cleanup, Sept 19th 8 - 11 AM

This year, the PVMA plans to join volunteers from The Ocean Conservancy to help pick up trash along the world's ocean and waterways during the annual International Coastal Cleanup. This is the world's largest volunteer effort of its kind geared to raise awareness of the dangers of ocean debris.

Start! Heartwalk 2010, Sept 26th, 8-11 AM

Each year FAU gathers volunteers from each on-campus organization to raise money for The American Heart Society. Volunteers pledge money to walk a 2-mile circuit around the FAU campus to support life-saving research on cardiac disease and cardiac stroke. **To make a donation to our team, go to**

<https://www.kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?ievent=295058&lis=0&kntae295058=681BF9129AFB41C99D4D5137F5007CB1&supld=0&team=3415687&cj=>

FAU Puppy Tailgate, Sept 26th, Oct 3rd, Oct 31st, Nov 14th 3-5 PM

In cooperation with Florida Humane Society, the PVMA will host a Puppy Tailgate Party at each FAU home football game to socialize adoptable dogs from the shelter and promote adoption from FHS.

Suds on Sunday at The Draffhouse, Oct 18th, 11-3 PM

Grooming and proper hygiene are as important for the health of our pets as it is for our own health, however, grooming services can be extremely expensive. By hosting a community dog wash, our pre-vet students educate the public how proper grooming can maintain the health and well-being of their pets while giving them access to low-cost grooming services. We are also negotiating with Draffhouse to provide one drink coupon for every dog wash purchase to give owners the opportunity to sit and relax while we groom their pets. The funds raised from this event will support travel costs for PVMA members to attend National Symposium in Indiana this year.

Helping Hands and Paws Food Drive, Month of November (Breezeway 2nd – 4th)

The food drive will aim to collect food items and toiletries for Boca Helping Hands, a homeless shelter in Boca Raton, AND Florida Humane Society, a shelter for homeless animals. Through this event, we hope to provide shelter for the homeless in our community and to help alleviate pet overpopulation issues at FAU and in the greater community. The food drive will be kicked off with advertising in the breezeway for three days followed by collection at donation boxes placed around campus for the whole month of November to provide even more support for both organizations.

Pet Pictures with Santa Nov 28th, 12-5 PM

This event is a holiday-themed fundraiser to benefit Florida Humane Society, a true no-kill shelter in Palm Beach County. Through the services of a local animal photographer, we provide pets and their caretakers the opportunity to buy family portrait packages during the holiday season. Clients will be offered a variety of photo packages including a Hanukkah scene or a Christmas theme with good ole St. Nick. The Florida Humane Society will be on-hand to promote local pet adoptions. The event will be hosted at the last Puppy Tailgate of the football season.

Pennies For Puppies, Ongoing

This program consists of visits to local elementary schools to promote education on humane treatment of animals, responsibilities involved in owning a pet, the importance of proper nutrition, vet care and hygiene as well as teaching children why spay/neuter programs are important. Programs are prepared to communicate ideas on three separate levels of comprehension: kindergarten to 1st grade, 1st grade to 3rd grade, and 4th to 5th grade. Presentations occur throughout the school classrooms and afterward, clear plastic donation boxes are left in the principal's office for two weeks. All proceeds from this fundraiser go to the Florida Humane Society.

Tradewinds Horses and the Handicapped of South Florida, Ongoing

This volunteer program supports hippotherapy services for disabled individuals in the community provided by Tradewinds Stables in Coconut Creek, FL. Our students volunteer at the stable performing a variety of tasks ranging from cleaning stalls to becoming an attendant at therapy sessions. This type of service not only assists disabled

patients enrolled in treatment but also allows students to explore careers in equine medicine.