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# WHAT A GREAT SEASON

We said goodbye to a 'pet savior' but there were many wonderful animal stories over the last few months.

## PET SET



There were weddings of four legged Palm Beachers as well as the two legged kind. Franklin, a cavalier shih-tzu owned by Zachary Sherman, "married" Rosebud, owned by Alexander Sherman.



Some beloved pets died this year, such as Gerry Goldsmith's beautiful apricot Persian named Bailey last April. But new ones arrived, like his latest cat named Mowq.

here were two big pet events this year: a sad one and a happy one.

First, sadly, our beloved pet savior, Gertie Maxwell, died. But she will live on in the hearts of the people lucky enough to adopt one of 75,000 pets she was responsible for saving.

Fortunately, there were many happy events this year. Probably the biggest celebrity event to appear for a pet organization, Martha Stewart, came to a Man-a-Lago luncheon of almost 500 people. She accepted a humanitarian award from the 134-year-old American Humane Association, which also made its debut in Palm Beach this year.

The struggling Island Cats feral cat feeding and neutering program, which was close to the brink, was temporarily resurrected. Hundreds of cats were saved — and our island kept

from being overrun with rats — when Island Cats raised an astonishing \$120,000 at a cocktail party.

It was also a year in which a new shop for pets (West Gang Bakery) opened, also helping to revitalize South County Road. And another pet boutique is opening in that road this summer, which I'll tell you about in the fall when I resume this column.

Additionally, it was a year in which all the usual wonderful events for pets were held once again. That includes the annual Worth Avenue Pet Parade, the Christmas Ball for the Peggy Adams Animal Association, the Salty Dog party, and more.

Many Palm Beachers even went down to Boca for the annual Doggie Ball benefiting the Dade County Humane Society. That shows how anxious Palm Beachers are to support pets — or go to parties!



There are more and more service dogs in Palm Beach. The poodle named Pucci does indeed own a Pucci (dress.) But this 5 year old Papillon is also a service dog who loves to visit sick children at local hospitals. In her free time she plays soccer with her owner, Jill Elston, makes designer jewelry



Winners of the Worth Avenue Pet Parade this year also got to be in America's Top Dog Calendar, an honor given to Gianni, left, and Leo, two shih tzus belonging to Laura Souza.



Cavalier King Charles spaniels, such as Lady Annabel, owned by Ethel and Nataka Shindl, of Palm Beach, are becoming popular on the island.



There were several birthday parties on the island for pets this year. One of them was for Lana, Madeleine Calder's black Schmutzer, who celebrated her 11th birthday with 35 people friends.

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