

## KITTENS ARE THE NEW INMATES AT THE GREEN ROOF INN

Inmates help kittens heal, and vice versa, in "House of Healing"

Delta Block, a women's dorm at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, also known as the Green Roof Inn, recently got a lot more residents and a new nickname, too. In addition to female inmates in the Successful Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Treatment Program, one of the leading programs of its kind in the country, the block is also now a temporary home for a few small, furry friends through an innovative new program.

In July, the jail launched a brand-new kitten fostering program in partnership with the Flagler Humane Society. This initiative allows participating inmates to care for homeless kittens in need, providing a unique therapeutic experience aimed at long-term recovery for both the kittens and the inmates. Participants in the program take part in daily kitten care routines, including feeding, socializing, and bottle-feeding.





This program is part of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office's ongoing efforts to support mental health and promote a deeper sense of accountability and emotional connection among inmates and has led to the block being dubbed the "House of Healing."

"Addiction often creates isolation and self-centered patterns," said Sheriff Staly. "Fostering kittens requires empathy, structure, and consistency — qualities that support recovery and rehabilitation. It's another tool we're using to break the cycle of addiction and have our inmates become productive residents when they are released."

"It's exciting to give these inmates a purpose that helps them on the road to recovery, and I thank the Humane Society for partnering with us on this opportunity," said Court and Division Services Chief Dan Engert.

The idea for the program came from an inmate who shared a suggestion during a talk with medical staff. The concept led to the partnership with the Humane Society, which is now providing kittens for the program that need attentive care.

## **Avoiding Scams and Frauds**

Scammers target seniors; learn how to stay safe

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office receives new reports almost every day of scammers targeting county residents. Scammers are always finding new, deceptive tricks they can use to trick people into giving up their money. That's why it's important for everyone, but especially our senior citizens, to stay vigilant and protect themselves from becoming a scammer's latest victim.

Oftentimes, scammers will call, text, or email residents pretending to be employees of the Sheriff's Office, another law enforcement agency, a government agency, or an important business like a bank. They will warn residents that they have a warrant for their arrest, an unpaid toll tag, an overdue bank payment, or some other urgent matter. And they will tell their victim that it's urgent they pay up, or else they may be arrested, or their fees will go up.

"The Flagler County Sheriff's Office will never ask you for payment to avoid being arrested," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "Scammers use tricks like this to sound more convincing, making their scams seem more real, more intimidating, or more urgent."

Another common element of modern scams involves cryptocurrency. Cryptocurrency scams are becoming very popular by criminals, and it is notoriously difficult to get that money back. That's why the FCSO created the Cyber Crimes Unit, which recently traced, seized, and returned stolen money to two victims. Although these victims were lucky and got their money back, Sheriff Staly warns that "everyone should be wary of giving personal information or sending money, gift cards, or cryptocurrency to anyone who you have not met in person."



## K-9 Unit Word Scramble

Can you unscramble the names of these FCSO K-9s, past and present?

RTNOI	OJWO	
ZRO	SELMHO	
ONBNARD	RVAOL	
AOKM	SCHEA	
ENUAK	ELAX	

ANSWER KEY: 1. NITRO 2. ZOR 3. BRANDON 4. MAKO 5. KEANU 6. WOJO 7. HOLMES 8. VALOR 9. CHASE 10. AXLE

